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**Our ref:** CM/PA/000796/21

Dear Mr Slack,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on the 19/03/2021, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

| Request  | Response  |
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| Please provide the number of reported dog thefts and attempted dog thefts per month for 2019 and 2020. | <p>Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.</p> <p>Hampshire Constabulary records crime in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules. Dog theft does not have a specific Home Office crime classification. To accurately determine the number of dogs that have been reported stolen for the date period in question, a manual review of every theft and burglary recorded on the force Records Management System for the area specified, would have to be</p> |



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|  | <p>undertaken in order to establish which ones relate to dog theft. There are thousands of theft and burglary offences for the time period specified and to review each one would exceed the 18 hour time limit set by the FOI regulations.</p> <p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request.</p> |
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### **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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