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Dear Ray

Freedom of Information - Request for Information

On 6 April 2024 East Riding of Yorkshire Council received your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Council's response is set out below.

Response:

1. How many dog wardens does the council employ - specifically how many were employed in each year 2020 - 2023?

2020 – 3, 2021 – 4, 2022 – 4, 2023 - 3

2. Could you please provide the numbers of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Dog Fouling in each of the years 2020 - 2023?

1 in each year.

As the numbers of FPNs issued in a year could indicate either an increase in enforcement, a decrease in dog fouling incidents or both these factors, then:

3. Could you provide details of other performance indicators used by the council over the 2020 - 2023 period that demonstrate progress in reducing dog fouling?

a) the number of dog fouling complaints made via telephone, email or online reporting in each year 2020 - 2023.

Year	Telephone	Email	Online	Other
2020	154	61	138	31
2021	160	51	165	13
2022	107	4	186	68

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2023	82	39	194	13
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b) site visits (to observe, enforce, etc) by dog wardens in each of the years 2020 - 2023.

2020 – no records, 2021 – 386, 2022 – 450, 2023 - 83

c) and whilst this is not specific, other measurable actions recorded by the council that you would consider useful and in the public interest to indicate progress in reducing dog fouling in the East Riding.

We only have one set performance indicator which is the number of FPNs issued each year. The numbers of FPNs issued does not provide a real measure of the level of offending. The levels of complaint may suggest a reduction, but the numbers do vary between 300-500 (albeit that was a few years ago)- see table below for longer term trends:

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
482	436	571	528	384	389	365	328

If you are dissatisfied with the above response you can ask for the Council to review this by contacting the Information Governance and Feedback Team on the above telephone number or by email on foi@eastriding.gov.uk within 6 weeks of this letter.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled this can also be considered within the review process.

A senior manager will carry out the review and you will receive a response within 20 working days. It will provide a fair and thorough review of the decisions taken and where necessary how your request has been handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Council's review procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted as follows:

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely



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