



Our reference: E720415

Being Dealt with by: Peter Grant

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Date: 4 June 2024

By email: request-1134911-2f866763@whatdotheyknow.com

FAO: Ciaran B

Dear Sir

Thank you for your e-mail dated 29 May 2024 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about Dog Warden activity in the Waterworks area of Belfast.

I can confirm that Belfast City Council only holds some of the information that you have requested. Where the information is not held by the Council this is clearly indicated in the response below. The Council has decided that the information it does hold can be disclosed into the public domain. Accordingly, this information is provided below. For ease of reference, I have reproduced and numbered each part of your request and provided the Council's response directly below.

Please note the information provided relates to the period 1 January 2024 to 29 May 2024 when your request was received.

1. How many times have dog wardens patrolled the Waterworks in 2024 to the end of May.

The Dog Warden Service has recorded no patrols of the Waterworks during the period indicated.

2. How many times have dog wardens spoken to members of the public in the Waterworks in 2024 to the end of May about dogs not on leads.

The Council does not hold this information as the Dog Warden Service does not record actions involving speaking to members of the public about dogs not on leads.

3. How many times have dog wardens spoken to members of the public in the Waterworks in 2024 to the end of May with more than 4 dogs under their control.

The Council does not hold this information as the Dog Warden Service does not record actions involving speaking to members of the public about having more than 4 dogs under their control.

4. How many fines were issued for dog fouling in the Waterworks in 2024 to the end of May.

The Council issued no fines for dog fouling in the Waterworks during the period indicated.

5. How many incidents of dog fouling have been reported in the Waterworks in 2024 to the end of May.

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No reports of dog fouling in the Waterworks were made to the Dog Warden Service during the period indicated. However, the Council's Customer Hub recorded six reports of dog or animal fouling, that required removal, during the period indicated. Please note the Waterworks is not defined as an individual location and the six reports related to the relevant Ward (Cavehill & Water Works).

I would also advise that whilst your request relates to the activities of our Dog Wardens, we have dedicated Park Wardens who patrol this park daily. They can give members of the public advice about responsible dog ownership including dog fouling, dogs off leads and the number of dogs under their control.

Please note that if this information is to be published it should be attributed to being Belfast City Council's response to a freedom of information request.

If you are dissatisfied with how the Council handled your request for information, you have the right to request that the Council formally review this decision. If you wish to do so, please write to the Records Manager, Information Governance Unit, Legal and Civic Services, Belfast City Council, City Hall, Belfast, BT1 5GS. Alternatively, you can contact the Records Manager at the following email address: foi@belfastcity.gov.uk

Should you remain dissatisfied following the Council's internal review, you can seek an independent review from the Information Commissioner. Requests for an independent review should be made in writing to: The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, I would advise you that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Peter Grant
Assistant City Protection Manager