

2 February 2018

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180181**

**REQUEST**

**Please can you provide the following information from your police statistics:**

- 1. How many incidents of sheep worrying/attacks on sheep by dogs have been reported to your police force during 2015, 2016 and 2017?**
- 2. How many sheep have been injured as a result of these attacks?**
- 3. How many sheep have been killed as a result of these attacks?**
- 4. How many people have been prosecuted for these crimes?**

**RESPONSE**

**Questions 1, 2 & 3**

We have received the same questions for 2016 and 2015, and for your convenience, I have copied the data published in these responses below.

As with previous years, I contacted our Incident Management System Administrator for assistance with your request with regard to data relating to 2017. He carried out a search of the system for 2017 records using the following free text phrases:

- CHASING SHEEP
- WORRYING SHEEP
- ATTACKING SHEEP
- INJURING SHEEP
- KILLING SHEEP

**2017 Incident Data**

I have manually reviewed all incidents returned and can advise the following details which meet the criteria of your request:

4 Incidents recorded

Dog worrying sheep – no injuries caused

Dog worrying sheep – location identified as outside force area – transferred to Nottinghamshire Police – outcome unknown

Dog worrying sheep – caused injury to 1 lamp and shock to 1 other lamp

Dog worrying sheep – no injuries caused

**2016 Incident Data**

4 incidents which met the criteria of your request:

Dog worrying sheep – no numbers recorded

Dog worrying livestock - injured 5 sheep

Dog sheep worrying – 5 sheep injured

Dog attacked sheep – 1 dead

**2015 Incident Data**

Dogs chasing/worrying sheep = 0

Dogs attacking/injuring sheep = 0

Dogs killing sheep = 0

**Question 4**

South Yorkshire Police do not hold prosecution data, this information may be available from the Ministry of Justice. Our formal response is therefore one of 'no information held'.