

12th February 2019

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20190185**

**REQUEST**

***From January 1 2018 to December 31 2018, how many incidents were reported and/or numbers of sheep were involved in the following:***

***Dogs chasing/worrying sheep***

***Dogs attacking/injuring sheep***

***Dogs killing sheep***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our IT department for assistance with your request.

Our recording systems record the majority of calls to South Yorkshire Police requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public via 999 or 101 or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. Each record is a log of events as the incident progresses or unfolds, with very few search fields to extract any meaningful data.

As there is no generic incident title that meets the criteria of your request, our administrator has searched for incidents for keywords such as 'sheep' which are mentioned within the free text boxes of the incident log.

He has searched the Incident Handling System for the dates up to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018. On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 South Yorkshire Police implemented a new recording system called Smart Contact to replace the legacy system. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to extract data from 14<sup>th</sup> November onwards. We are hoping to rectify this issue as soon as possible.

The administrator provided 21 incident records that included the keywords and I have checked each one, to ascertain which ones are pertinent to your request, and I have provided the details below.

Number of Incidents	Number of Sheep	Details
1	Group of Sheep	Dog worrying livestock. Sheep chased.
2	Not Given	Caller reporting a dog is attacking Sheep in a field.
3	Not Given	Reported large dog is worrying Sheep

As incidents read like a running commentary, they do not always give the full picture or specific numbers of animals or people involved. Any details above are from the limited details given and may not always describe the fuller picture.