

FOI Reference Number: FOI/246/1920

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**Request:**

I would like to access all available written, photographic and any other information that pertains to this case, including any telephone conversations and if possible [REDACTED] video of the one remaining dog at the above address. I would like all information exchanged between outside agencies, animal welfare and the owner of the dog. I would also like any information regarding microchipping and licensing and all correspondence with the council.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 02 October 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response.

*Mid and East Antrim Borough Council are unable to provide the requested information as it falls under exemption 30 (investigations and proceedings) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find below, the legislation underpinning our decision.*

*30(1)(a) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purpose of - (a) any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained -*

*(i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or*

*(ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it,*

*(b) any investigation which is conducted by the authority and in the circumstances may lead to a decision by the authority to institute criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct, or*

*(c) any criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct.*

*(2) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if - (a) it was obtained or recorded by the authority for the purposes of its functions relating to -*

*(i) investigations falling within subsection 1(a) or (b),*

***(ii) criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/246/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.