

Our Ref: 032 2019
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Thank you for your Freedom of information (FOI) request dated 03 December 2019. Your request has been recorded in accordance with our FOI procedures as follows:

1. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, a member of the Countryside Alliance and if so on what date did they join and/or resign?
2. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, in any way connected with the organisation Vote-OK?
3. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, a member of or in any way connected with any fox hunt?
4. Is the current PFCC, or have they ever been, a member of or in any way connected with any form of bloodsports?

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Sec 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.

The second duty at Sec 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon s17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Having completed our enquiries we are able to respond as follows:

Questions 1 – 4: No information is held.

Your right to complain:

If you feel your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you have the right to complain.

Complaints should be submitted within 20 working days from the date of this response and should be addressed to Chief Executive at Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, Top Floor, Kelvedon Park, Rivenhall, Witham, Essex, CM8 3HB or by email to: pfcc@essex.pnn.police.uk

We will conduct a review to investigate your complaint and endeavour to reply within 20 working days.

Please explain which aspect of the reply you are not satisfied with, and if your complaint concerns the decision to apply an exemption it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

If you are still dissatisfied following our review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by PFCC for Essex

Yours sincerely

Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex