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Wrexham County Borough Council

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The Council does hold the information requested.

Request

Covert surveillance and ripa regulations

You clearly state on your website and in communications with members of the public and foi requests that you perform covert surveillance for minor crimes such as littering. You also argued with someone that you do not need any lawful permission to do this.

Please answer clearly the following:

Since the ripa regulations were brought in and the amendments made in 2012, how do you as an authority legally use targeted covert surveillance for minor crimes that do not satisfy the 6 months imprisonment rule.

If you have a policy outside of ripa in relation to surveillance please disclose it now and make all documents available to the public.

Please state the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued by your authority using covert surveillance since 2012. Please break this down into paid, unpaid because cancelled, court action successful and court action unsuccessful.

Response:

Environment staff are not aware of any such information being stated on the website.

Wrexham Council do not, and has not ever used covert surveillance for enforcement of environmental crimes such as littering and dog fouling. Nil FPNs have been issued.