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Dear Mr Adekaiyero

Freedom of Information Request 20/03/0425

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) received on 13 March 2020.

1. How many Kent Police Officers (excluding Wildlife Officers) have received training to recognise illegal hunting since January 2019 ?

Although there is no dedicated training on illegal hunting, 87 Kent Police Officers with involvement or interest in Rural Policing attended a training day in January which included the Hunting Act 2004 and its impact on Hunting Events.

In addition, part of the training of the Rural Task Force includes a one week residential training course which covers wildlife legislation including the Hunting Act 2004 and trail and drag hunting practices.

2. How many current Kent Police Rural Task Force Officers have received formal training to recognise illegal hunting ?

Only Police Officers that are members of the Rural Task Force receive afore mentioned 'formal' one week residential Wildlife Officer training. The Rural Task Force currently has one Sergeant, eleven Police Constables and one Civilian Rural Crime Co-Ordinator who have all received this Wildlife Training and are recognised as Wildlife Trained Officers.

3. How many successful prosecutions have you secured regarding the illegal killing or hunting of foxes/hares? Could this be broken down yearly from 2000-2019.

Requested data is provided in the attached appendix under tab 1. Please consider the information notices highlighted in red when analysing the data.

4. How many reports have you had regarding the illegal killing or hunting of foxes/hares? Could this be broken down yearly from 2004-2019.

Requested data is provided in the attached appendix under tab 2. Data has been provided from 1 April 2014 onwards, when the National Incident Recording Standards came in to effect. Please consider the information notices highlighted in red when analysing the data.

I thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Maurer

Public Disclosure Officer

Your right to appeal

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have 40 working days from the date the response is issued to request that Kent Police carry out an internal review.

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You may lodge your request for a review in writing:

Our email address is: freedomofinformation@kent.police.uk

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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

For information on how to appeal to the Information Commissioner please visit the website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

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