



Dear B Wray,

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2019.0061**

On the 14/01/2019 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. What % of Police Officers - excluding Wildlife Officers - have received training to recognise illegal hunting?
2. What % of Wildlife Officers have received formal training to recognise illegal hunting?
3. Who provided this training - as in their qualifications and capacity?
4. How long was the training course?

Policy & Procedures:

5. Are officers being asked to actively monitor hunts and look for evidence of illegal activities?
6. Do officers monitoring hunts have to 'declare an interest' if they hunt?

Finally-

7. How many successful prosecutions have you secured regarding the illegal killing of foxes/hares?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

1. – 3. I can confirm that the Constabulary has 25 Police Officers/ Staff who have been trained by the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) as Rural and Environment Liaison Officers (RECLO). They have an awareness of Hunting offences and Badger Act offences.
4. The NWCU course is 1 week.
5. The Constabulary has no policy of specifically monitoring hunts. Looking for evidence of illegal activities would be conducted in normal policing duties.
6. This is covered by the Constabulary's Conflict of Interest Policy and the Code of Ethics published by the College of Policing. Both can be found on the Constabulary website via the following links:  
<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/more-on-us/freedom-of-information/publication-scheme/our-policies-and-procedures/policies-and-procedures/>  
<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/more-on-us/about-us/our-values/code-of-ethics/?a=searchbar>
7. No information held. The Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come

within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

[www.justice.gov.uk/](http://www.justice.gov.uk/)

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm that a search can be conducted of the Crime Recording System for any relevant offences, which can detail any police outcomes e.g. Charge. If this would be useful, please submit a new FOI request to [foi@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:foi@gloucestershire.police.uk) confirming the time period you would like information regarding.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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