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Dear Ms Oxley

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000031/17

The following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by NPCC on the date listed above.

Applicant Question:

Following a previous FOI request I received a reply from the NPCC stating the following: "We have made enquiries with the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) who have confirmed that they no longer record wildlife crime incidents on behalf of police forces across the UK. This process ceased in 2013."

1. I would like to request the reasoning behind no longer recording wildlife crime incidents on behalf of police forces across the UK?

From contact with various police forces it has become clear to me that many forces do not hold data themselves / cannot easily extract data from their systems regarding wildlife incidents.

2. Therefore I would also be interested to know how the NWCU continues to advise on and set yearly priorities for combatting wildlife crime without a national database of wildlife crime incidents.

NPCC Acknowledgement:

Your request will be considered in accordance with the legislation and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, subject to the provisions of the Act. In the unlikely event that NPCC is unable to meet the 20 working day deadline, you will be informed as soon as possible and given a revised timescale for response.

If your request requires full or partial transference to another public authority, you will be informed. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Sherry Traquair on telephone number 02380 478922 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker



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