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Our ref:

CM/PA/002705/19

Your ref:

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Dear S Rhosier

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on the 15/10/2019, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

# 1. Since 2010, how many reports of cubbing / illegal foxhunting have been made to your force?

- 2. Since 2010, how many of those reports have been resolved as trail hunting?
- 3. Since 2010, how many of those investigations resolved as trail hunting have included proof seen and verified by police of the purchase/acquisition of trail fluid for use in said trail hunting?

## Response

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

The information you have requested is not easily retrievable. Data relating to cubbing/ illegal fox hunting is held on our Records Management system. To provide you with accurate data would require a manual review of all occurrences that could be related to fox hunting. With thousands of occurrences to review this would







greatly exceed the cost limit.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, choosing 10 randomly selected wildlife occurrences thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request.

### **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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