



12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003714/19**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

Further to successful FOI requests made to APHA re the importation of trail fluid, please respond to the following:

- 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 to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below:-

Research has been undertaken of recorded incidents using the keywords 'fox hunt', 'foxhunt' and 'cubbing', since 2010. It should be noted that this may not necessarily retrieve all reports, relevant to your request, as other words may be used and these would not be identified from our research.

Q1

Key Word	Number of Incidents
Fox Hunt	31
Foxhunt	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

Q2 The incident reports have been reviewed and of the above, 6 refer to a scent trail being used (not including those that refer to drag hunt).

Q3 None of the above incident reports refer to officers verifying the use of trail fluid.

This response will be published on the Constabulary's web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/about-us/our-data/disclosure-log>

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Amanda Gibson, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;  
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the  
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Norfolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Operations and Communications Centre  
Jubilee House  
Falconers Chase  
Wymondham  
Norfolk NR18 0WW  
OR  
Email: [freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)*

In all possible circumstances Norfolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Norfolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700