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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2019 / 1004

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 concerning cubbing / illegal foxhunting / trail hunting.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having liaised with our Business Performance & Rural Crime Teams – I am now able to respond to you as follows :-

**You wrote:**

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

Since 2010 there have been 37 reports made to Wiltshire Police in respect of cubbing / illegal foxhunting.

2. Since 2010, how many of those reports have been resolved as trail hunting ?

Since 2010, only 1 of these reports was identified as relating specifically to 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 ?

None

Please Note :-

- Although there are defined Home Office codes for recording instances of Lamping, Hare Coursing and so on, no codes currently exist under which it is possible to record specific instances of either Cubbing or Trail Hunting.
- The information you have requested could only be ascertained by reading the summary description of the incidents that were reported. It needs to be noted that if an incident related to a Trail or Drag Hunt but it was not specifically noted in the description then it will not feature in the results recorded above.
- It needs to be noted that in some instances, dogs involved in a Trail or Drag Hunt can either flush out or be distracted by live quarry and - as as a consequence - this could mean that an incident involving a Trail or Drag Hunt could end up being recorded as a conventional hunt.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny  
Disclosure Decision Maker



Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.

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## **Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure**

### **1. Who Can Ask for a Review**

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

### **2. How to Request a Review**

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

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Wiltshire Police Headquarters,  
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Email at [disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

### **3. Review Procedure**

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

### **4. Conclusion of the Appeal**

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

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