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commissioner

Our reference: 2019-01664

S Rhosier

Sent by email to: request-618680-12fc609d@whatdotheyknow.com

02 December 2019

Dear S Rhosier

Thank you for your request received in this office on 10 November 2019 in which you asked:

1. Please provide the list of priorities, by type of crime, which your force is instructed to abide by when allocating investigative resource; specifically to include the priorities of social media crime, wildlife crime, domestic terrorism, and breaches of the Hunting Act.
2. I note that breaches of the Hunting Act are not recordable crimes as per the police/Home Office Orange Book. Why is that omission in place, and do you have plans to make hunting crime recordable for your force to deliver open, transparent and fair policing?
3. Are there any Operations running in your force or as a cross-border collaboration with other forces which target hunt saboteurs?
4. Are there, or have there ever been, any Operations running or about to run in your force or as a cross-border collaboration with other forces which focus in any way on information gathering/sharing for the purpose of classifying/recommending for classification and/or proscription of the Hunt Saboteur Association as Domestic Terrorists?
5. Are there, or have there ever been, any discussions between you and/or your office/staff with any other police force/government agency/political party/the Home Office and/or members of the current Conservative government which focus(ed) in any way on information gathering/sharing for the purpose of classifying/recommending for classification and/or proscription of the Hunt Saboteur Association as Domestic Terrorists?
6. Are there, or have there ever been, any discussions between you and/or your office/staff with the Countryside Alliance and/or Vote OK (<https://www.vote-ok.co.uk>) which focus(ed) in any way on information gathering/sharing for the purpose of classifying/recommending for classification and/or proscription of the Hunt Saboteur Association as Domestic Terrorists?

In response to your request, I can confirm the following:

1. Please refer to the current Police and Crime Plan for 2016-2020. The Police and Crime Plan can be viewed using the following URL:
<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/your-commissioner/police-crime-plan/police-and-crime-plan-2016-20/>
2. This information is not held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Home Office will be the correct organisation to inform you of the reasoning for this decision.
3. This information is not held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This information may be held by West Midlands Police.
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5. No.
6. No.

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email to the Legal Advisor to the Police and Crime Commissioner. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

The Legal Advisor
West Midlands Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ
Telephone: 0121 626 6060

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. West Midlands Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by the Legal Advisor.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken. If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Jardine', written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan Jardine
Chief Executive

