



# OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

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21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Dear Member of the Public

## **Freedom of Information Request FOI/OPCCN/114**

I am writing in connection with your email dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017, in which you requested the following information:

- “1. How many times in 2016 your respective police forces attended “illegal hunts using dogs”?**
- 2. How many arrests, charges, cautions and prosecutions were made by your respective police forces? Could this information be sorted into pro hunt and anti hunt cases please?**
- 3. How many complaints were made to your respective police forces alleging assault and intimidation and by whom (pro hunt/anti hunt)?**
- 4. How many of the complaints from 3. above resulted in your police officers “refusing” to take the correct and appropriate action?**
- 5. What is your official policy on policing “illegal hunts using dogs”? ”**

I have reviewed our records and I can advise that in respect of Questions 1 to 4 above, no information is held.

In respect of Question 5, the OPCCN does not have a policy in relation to policing “illegal hunts using dogs” as this would be an operational policing matter. The information you require may be held by the Norfolk Constabulary and you would need to make a separate Freedom of Information request direct to them.

Yours sincerely

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For Norfolk.

## Internal Review

If you think we have not supplied information in accordance with Section 1 (the General Right of Access) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, or you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, then you should write, in the first instance, to:

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An internal review is conducted by the Chief Executive who will review the request and response, taking account of your complaint(s), and will respond in writing as soon as possible. The Information Commissioner's Officer recommends that a response should be made in 20 working days. If we are unable to respond in this timeframe we will inform you and provide a date by which you should expect to receive our response.

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