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Email to: xxxxxx@xxxx

Dear xxxxxxx

FOI Request: FOI 04/17

I write in connection with your requests for information sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire on 4th February and on 6th February 2017.

Your request dated 4 February 2017 and our response is outlined below:

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?

In relation to all the questions above, I cannot identify any specific records/documents held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire that will satisfy your request based on the details you have provided. Derbyshire Constabulary may hold this information and, with your permission, we can transfer this request to them.

5. What is your official policy on policing "illegal hunts using dogs"?

Whilst there is not an 'official policy' per se on illegal hunting using dogs, there are references within the Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire 2016-21 that refer to wildlife crime, which would include any form of illegal hunting or persecution of animals, and that would see a drive to build on the commitment made by the previous PCC, Mr Alan Charles.

Your request dated 6 February 2017 and our response is outlined below:

1. What is the official policy of the PCC on their individual police forces FAILING to police illegal hunts properly and take appropriate action when informed of and presented with evidence of assault and intimidation?

Any alleged failures by, or complaints made against the police would, in the first instance, be dealt with by individual Force Professional Standards Department. I cannot therefore, identify any specific records/documents held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire that will satisfy your request based on the details you have provided. Derbyshire Constabulary may hold this information and, with your permission, we can transfer this request to them. It should be noted, however, that the Commissioner has a duty to ensure that the Force has an efficient and effective complaints process and regularly reviews the complaints handling processes of the Professional Standards Department.

2. If the PCC does not hold the information requested in my original email, does it hold ANY information on ANY subject relating to the performance of their individual police forces? If so, could I please have details of the type of information held.

I am unable to respond, as the request is unclear. Please specify the exact information you require.

3. An answer to question 5 in my original email below please. This is a direct question on PCC policy.

Please see our response to the question on the previous page.

Your reference number is FOI04/17 and we ask that you retain this number for use in any future correspondence. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact Liz Kelly on 03001226007 or email quoting the reference number.

Yours faithfully

Electronically Signed

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