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I write in connection with your request for information dated 03 January 2019 concerning hunting with dogs.

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 requester. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

You wrote:

How many resources are given to investigation of hunting with dogs under the Hunting Act 2004, (excluding hare Coursing), in Wiltshire.

In particular, regarding illegal fox hunting under the guise of trail hunting.

1) Do Wildlife Crime officers check that scents are being laid? 2) How many reports of a crime being permitted under the Act regarding the killing of a fox have been investigated, since the act came into force. 3) How many prosecutions have been made. 4) How many have been thrown out by the CPS and reasons. Do I need to ask any of these questions under the F.O.I Act and if so who to?

Response

Searches of the OPCC show that no such information is held. I have made enquiries with Wiltshire Police and understand that this information may be held by them. I have, therefore, transferred your request to the Force Disclosure Unit.