



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 002712-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

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"?*

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 6 February 2017

- 1) There is no information held in relation to this part of the request as there is no such thing as "illegal hunts with dogs".
- 2) There have been no arrests made however, several Sec 35 Dispersal notices were issued, which remove potential troublemakers from a prescribed area. Approximately 20 have been issued to anti hunt protesters and 2 to pro hunt supporters.
- 3) A search has been completed of the Constabulary's call data for all incidents recorded concerning hunts.

The search conducted was based on all hunting related calls however, we cannot differentiate between pro or anti hunt members.

A total of 26 calls were logged during the 2016 calendar year.

A further search was completed of the correspondence received by the Constabulary and one complaint was located regarding intimidation, etc. from a pro-hunt group.



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- 4) No officer has ever “refused to take the correct action”.
- 5) No information is held in relation to a policy concerning illegal hunts.