



**WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG
RESPONSE TO REQUEST**

Reference: 2019 – 196 / WE2129

Date of response: 10th December 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

with reference to:

<https://apccs.police.uk/role-of-the-pcc/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collection...>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicatio...>

Please respond to the following:

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?

Response.

- Q1. There is no list of priorities which West Mercia Police is instructed to abide by.
- Q2. This information is not held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Q3. This information is not held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Q4. This information is not held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Q5. A response would require the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to check all and any forms of communications between the multiple mentioned participants since the beginning of time as there is not a specific time frame mentioned, therefore Section 12(2) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit applies.
- Q6. Reply as Q5.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write to the Information Compliance Unit; Information Compliance Unit, PO Box 55, Worcester, WR3 8SP. Email: information@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Yours sincerely,

**FOI Officer
West Mercia PCC**

Complaints

If you think that the Police and Crime Commissioner has failed to supply information in accordance with the publication scheme, then you should write in the first instance, to the:

Chief Executive, OPCC – West Mercia, Hindlip Hall, Worcester. WR3 8SP

The PCC will aim to deal with your complaint within 10 working days. If you are dissatisfied with the response you can ask for the matter to be internally reviewed. Internal reviews will be completed promptly and a response given to you within 20 working days of your further request.

If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied, then you can complain to the Information Commissioner (Office of the Information Commissioner), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF).