



## Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

### Freedom of Information Act Request Response No. 14112016-1

#### Question

"1) How many cases of badger-related crime were reported to your Police Force from 1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016?

- a) Of those reports, how many were cases of badger baiting specifically?
- b) Of those reports, how many were cases of badger digging specifically?

2) How many badger-related crime prosecutions did your Police Force lead from 1st November 2015 to 31st October 2016?

- a) How many of those prosecutions were for offences of badger baiting?
- b) How many of those prosecutions were for offences of badger digging?
- c) Out of the total number of prosecutions for badger crime offences, how many led to successful convictions?
- d) Please list the sentences given out to those found guilty of badger baiting/digging.

3) How many Police Wildlife Crime Officers does your Police Force appoint?

- a) How many are full-time?
- b) How many are part-time?
- c) If part-time, what is the average number of hours allocated to each part-time Police Wildlife Crime Officer to carry out this role?

4) How are cases of badger-related crime recorded within your Police Force?

5) How often are Police Wildlife Officers in contact with the UK National Wildlife Crime Unit? (Daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, never)

6) How often are Police Wildlife Officers in contact with the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime? (Daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, never)"

#### Answer

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Northamptonshire Police are two separate legal entities. Information regarding operational policing matters is the responsibility of Northamptonshire Police, therefore the OPCC does not hold any of the information you have requested. Northamptonshire Police's Information Unit may hold some of the information you are seeking. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to Ian Kelly, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Team Leader, Information Unit, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ / [freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk)

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: John Neilson, Acting Chief Executive, Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, West Wing, Force Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.