



Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

This request is being refused under **Section 12(1)** of the FOIA.

Section 12 of the FOIA allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.

In relation to questions five and six of your request, this data is not easily retrievable, and therefore would require a manual search of thousands of records to distinguish whether **any** member of the OPCC have **ever** had any discussions relating to information gathering/sharing on the Hunt Saboteur Association. This will exceed the appropriate 18 hour time and £450 cost limit.

Section 16:- Further advice & Assistance

1. The list of the PCC's priorities can be found on the OPCC website. Please see the below link for your convenience:

<https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/>

2. No recorded information held.

3. No recorded information held.

4. No recorded information held.

5. OPCC staff (including the PCC, DPCC and Chief Executive) have been liaised with and none recall any such discussions.

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Please note that that the PCC is an independent body separate from Thames Valley Police (TVP) and is therefore not the head of the Force. All operational policing matters and decisions are the responsibility of the Chief Constable of TVP who, in law, is operationally independent of the PCC.

Therefore, as your request relates to operational policing matters, you may wish to contact TVP to see if they hold any information relating to your request. They can be contacted via phone on 01865542051, email via publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or post via:

Public Access

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