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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000320/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 20th January 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

This request has been sent to 15 rural police forces in England. Can you please provide me with annual totals recorded for the years 2010 - 2015 inclusively, for the following:

- 1 Crimes for offences under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.
- 2 Arrests for offences under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.
- 3 Crimes for offences under the Hunting with Dogs Act 2004.
- 4 Arrests for offences under the Hunting with Dogs Act 2004.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

- Q1 These crimes are non-recordable on the Constabulary's crime databases. Our Joint Performance and Analysis Department (JPAD) has therefore undertaken research of incident reports and have located 21 that relate to offences under this Act, such as damage to a badger set. These type of incident reports are usually closed for the attention of a Wildlife Crime Officer and/or passed to Natural England for investigation.
- Q2 There were 2 arrests.
- Q3 As above, 65 incident reports were located. Many of these refer to reports that a hunt is taking place.
- Q4 There were 5 arrests for hare coursing.

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