

Thank you for your requests for information of 4th and 6th February. You requested:

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'?
6. What is the official policy of the PCC on their individual police forces FAILING to police illegal hunts properly and take appropriate action when informed of and presented with evidence of assault and intimidation?
7. If the PCC does not hold the information requested in my original email, does it hold ANY information on ANY subject relating to the performance of their individual forces? May I have the details of the type of information held.

I am afraid the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does not hold the information that you have requested in questions 1 – 6. The Chief Constable has operational responsibility for West Yorkshire Police and also has responsibility for dealing with complaints and conduct matters for officers and staff in the Force. You may find that West Yorkshire Police may hold this information and you can contact the police to make an FOI request via the link below:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/contact-us/requesting-information/freedom-information/freedom-information-request>

In relation to Q7 you can find details of the publication scheme and information which is routinely published by the OPCC via these links:

https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/media/80795/pcc_publication_scheme_2012.pdf

<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/transparency.aspx>

The Police and Crime Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account for the performance of West Yorkshire Police and you can find further information about this via this link:

<https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/our-business/holding-the-chief-constable-to-account/quarterly-performance-report.aspx>

I hope you are satisfied with the way your request has been dealt with but I am attaching the OPCC's appeal procedure should you wish to request an internal review. If you would like to request further information from the OPCC please contact foi@westyorkshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk.