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Our Ref: FOI2019/02062

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/02062**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 26th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I would like to know the following:**

- 1. How many officers and civilian staff in your force are connected to or participate in hunting/foxhunting/are members of hunts**
- 2. Is hunting/foxhunting a declarable interest or association**
- 3. If any officers and civilian staff in your force are connected to or participate in hunting/foxhunting/are members of hunts, how many are attached to or work on rural crime teams**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following your request, searches were conducted at Bedfordshire Police for information relating to officers and civilian staff connected to or who participate in hunting / foxhunting / or are members of hunts

These searches failed to locate any records / documents relevant to your request. Accordingly I have determined that Bedfordshire Police do not hold the information you have requested for questions 1 & 3.

1. No records held.
2. Voluntary roles with a level of decision making are required to be declared e.g. committee members. Foxhunting / hunting is not a declarable interest or association
3. As per Q1 no records held.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.