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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 347/2024

Thank you for your request for information regarding T/ACC Longman; which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I hope this finds you well. I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) for the following records relating to Temporary Assistant Chief Constable (formerly Chief Superintendent) Matt Longman in his capacity as NPCC Lead on Fox Hunting Crime.

Please may I request:

1. Details of any meetings between ACC Longman and representatives of the League Against Cruel Sports (LACS) and/or other member groups of the '[Time for Change Coalition Against Hunting](#)' since his appointment as NPCC Lead on Fox Hunting Crime. This should include timing and frequency of meetings as well as any minutes or official transcripts from these meetings.
2. All correspondence between ACC Longman and representatives of LACS and/or other member groups of the '[Time for Change Coalition Against Hunting](#)' since his appointment as NPCC Lead on Fox Hunting Crime. This should include copies of any electronic communications (email, instant message), details or recordings of any telephone conversations, and copies of any physical communications (letters, fax etc.)
3. Details of any trail hunts ACC Longman has attended in his capacity as NPCC Lead on Fox Hunting Crime since his appointment. This should include dates, times, locations, and any departmental notes relating to these events.
4. Copies of any written or electronic instructions given to police officers by ACC Longman regarding National Trail Hunting Day on 14 September 2024.

NPCC Response:

1. The NPCC does hold information captured by part one of your request.

T/ACC Longman met with a representative from LACS on two occasions:

Crownhill Police Station, Plymouth 17/09/2024 for approximately one hour. No minutes or notes of this meeting were recorded/held.

Café, Plymouth 26/04/2024 @ 3.30pm for approximately one hour. No minutes or notes of this meeting were recorded/held.

2. The NPCC does hold information captured by part of your request. A transcript of those emails can be found by way of attachment to this letter, titled: 347/2024 Email correspondence – T ACC Longman & LACS. The emails engage S40(2) Personal Information in part. For further information relating to the legislation, please see Annex A.

The NPCC does not hold recorded information which confirms whether any persons making contact with T/ACC Longman were “other member groups of ‘Time for Change’ Coalition Against Hunting”.

3. The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by part three of your request.

There are no records relating to any trail hunts ACC Longman has attended in his capacity as NPCC Lead on Fox Hunting Crime since his appointment.

4. The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by part four of your request.

There are no records held providing instructions given to police officers by ACC Longman regarding National Trail Hunting Day on 14 September 2024.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with, in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 working days of the date of this response. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision, and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

Annex A

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

The legislation: Section 40 Personal Information

(1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if
(a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and
(b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.

(3A) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act—

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

(3B) The second condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene Article 21 of the GDPR (general processing: right to object to processing).

Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and either the first or the second condition is satisfied.

S40(2) applies to third party personal data. Any release would breach the data protection principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018. S40(2) has been engaged by virtue of S40(3)(a)(i). Any disclosure of withheld information would breach the first data protection principle of fair and lawful processing.

This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

Legislation – Section 16

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.