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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20200107

REQUEST

Could you please provide me with the annual number of dedicated wildlife officers South Yorkshire Police has had from 2009-2019.

RESPONSE

I approached the force lead for Wildlife Crime for assistance with your request, he has advised the following:

Based on the question I am assuming that the word 'dedicated' relates to having Full Time wildlife officers whereby this role is their core role.

We do not currently have any full-time wildlife officers and have not had any within a full time role between 2009-2019.

We have a number of part-time Wildlife Crime officers that undertake activities/investigation in relation to wildlife crime alongside their core role, such as Local Policing Team officer or Neighbourhood Policing officer. At present we have a total of 56 officers and police staff, whom hold front line roles across the force, who are nominated as Part-time Wildlife officers. These officers have attended a National accredited Wildlife foundation course and form part of the Wildlife Officers portfolio for SYP.