

Wildlife & Invasives Unit
Natural Environment Division



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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 25 March 2026 which sought the following information:

How many licences have been requested and how many have been issued in Northern Ireland for shooting of Deer after legal hours in the last 5 years. Can the information be broken down by county and reason for request along with the name of the requesting person or organisation and the exact areas where shooting is to take place along with any additional requirements attached to licence such as number of animals, sex of animals weapons used etc.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that no deer licences were issued to enable shooting of deer outside the legally stated hours in NI Ireland.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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