

Supplementary  
Submission  
No 19a

**INQUIRY INTO 2023 INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION  
OF THE APPROVED CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS  
UNDER THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
ACT 1979**

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Partially  
Confidential

“In my submission I reference an ongoing court case where an ex-WIRES carer is being accused of ‘aggravated cruelty’ by RSPCA.

However, in court it has been witnessed by the general public that RSPCA seems to have access to historical WIRES documents and have questioned the carer about cases not related to the current charges.

It would be appreciated if this possible collusion between these two agencies could be investigated. Did RSPCA have to subpoena these documents from WIRES or have they been handed over voluntarily? If so, could this be considered a breach of privacy as the documents have been shared without the knowledge or consent of the WIRES member and were not collected for this purpose.

If shared to the RSPCA without a subpoena, ethical questions regarding WIRES approach to their members could be raised. Should this information be being handed over to the RSPCA without the knowledge of these volunteer WIRES members and what does it say about the connections between the two agencies?”