

Unmanned drones (Ref: 70/12)

Request details

how many "drones" (Unmanned Aircraft Systems and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) does the force currently have at its disposal?

- if none, does the force plan to introduce drones? Please provide details of meetings where this has been discussed.

- how many drones has the force had access to over the last three years?

- how many times have the drones (if any) been deployed in each of the last three years

- how many requests has the force made to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to fly drones?

- how many such requests have been declined?

Our Response

The Leicestershire Police hold no information relevant to your request and there are currently no plans to introduce such drones.

Leicestershire Police can neither confirm nor deny that they hold any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

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