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| <p>How many "drones" (Unmanned Aircraft Systems and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) does the force currently have at its disposal?</p> | <p>None.</p> <p>Under Section 23 of the Freedom Of Information Act (Information relating to Security Bodies) Merseyside Police can neither confirm nor deny whether any additional information is held in relation to the use of drones.</p> | |
| <p>- if none, does the force plan to introduce drones? Please provide details of meetings where this has been discussed.</p> | <p>No information held.</p> <p>Under Section 23 of the Freedom Of Information Act (Information relating to Security Bodies) Merseyside Police can neither confirm nor deny whether any additional information is held in relation to the use of drones.</p> | <p>There are currently no plans to introduce drones.</p> |
| <p>How many drones has the force had access to over the last three years?</p> | <p>One drone which was lost in February 2010. This had been in use since July 2009.</p> <p>Under Section 23 of the Freedom Of Information Act (Information relating to Security Bodies) Merseyside Police can neither confirm nor deny whether any additional information is held in relation to the use of drones.</p> | |

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| <p>How many times have the drones (if any) been deployed in each of the last three years</p> | <p>The drone that Merseyside Police had was deployed on 57 occasions between July 2009 and February 2010.</p> <p>Under Section 23 of the Freedom Of Information Act (Information relating to Security Bodies) Merseyside Police can neither confirm nor deny whether any additional information is held in relation to the use of drones.</p> | |
| <p>How many requests has the force made to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to fly drones?</p> | <p>Merseyside Police made one request for a licence and this was approved.</p> <p>Under Section 23 of the Freedom Of Information Act (Information relating to Security Bodies) Merseyside Police can neither confirm nor deny whether any additional information is held in relation to the use of drones.</p> | |
| <p>How many such requests have been declined?</p> | <p>The CAA have not made any formal rejection to Merseyside Police. However, in February 2010 the CAA made the Force aware that its existing 'permission' did not fully cover the use of the drones following the introduction of new statutory regulations on 1st January 2010. As soon as Merseyside Police was made aware of this, an application for 'upgraded' flight permission was submitted. This new permission was granted.</p> <p>Under Section 23 of the Freedom Of Information Act (Information relating to Security Bodies) Merseyside Police can neither confirm nor deny whether any additional information is held in relation to the use of drones.</p> | |