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Our Ref: 4050/13

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Dear Mr Jones

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by this office on 18/07/2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Has your force used (in a trial or otherwise) or considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)?**
- 2. If your force has not considered using UAVs, could you state why not?**
- 3. If your force has used or plans to use UAVs in a trial or other capacity, could you please provide: a. The dates, times and locations of the trials. b. The purposes for which they were/are to be carried out. c. The manufacturer and model of the UAV used/to be used.**
- 4. Has any sort of plan or timetable been produced by the force in order to make preparations for the introduction of UAVs? a. If so, please provide a copy of the plan/timetable.**
- 5. Have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of UAV manufacturers or manufacturers' industry bodies on the issue of the introduction of UAVs? If so, please can you provide: a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.**
- 6. Have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of other police forces in relation to the use of UAVs? If so, please you can you provide: a. Date, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.**
- 7. Has your force received from central or local government or the Association of Chief Police Officers any instructions, advice, recommendations, guidance or information relating to police use of UAVs? a. If so, please provide a copy of the documents provided.**
- 8. Has your force designated a single point of contact (SPOC) for unmanned aerial systems?**

Clarification:

I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013.

This is to inform you that I cannot identify any specific records or documents held by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary that will satisfy your request based on the details that you have provided.

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within the Operations Department and they have confirmed that Devon and Cornwall Police do not own or operate a drone or unmanned aerial vehicle and does not have plans to introduce such devices.

Additionally, Devon and Cornwall Police can neither confirm nor deny that they hold any other information relevant to this request, by virtue of the following exemptions:

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

Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please contact me quoting my reference number as above.

Yours sincerely

Steve Hawkins
Assistant Freedom of Information Officer

Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision you should write to the Head of Information Management, Information Management Department, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Middlemoor, Exeter, EX2 7HQ, Devon.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your Force complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner at Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545700.