Unmanned Autonomous Systems - 19/11

Dated: 07 Jun 2011

Date of request: 10/01/2011

Date of response: 12/01/2011

Provision of information held by Northumbria Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act')

Thank you for your email dated 10 January 2011 in which you made a request for access to certain information which may be held by Northumbria Police.

As you may be aware the purpose of the Act is to allow a general right of access to information held by a Public Authority (including the Police), subject to certain limitations and exemptions.

You asked:

For the past 3 years.

1. All documents and correspondence held by the force relating to the potential use of Unmanned Autonomous Systems (UAS).

2. Please can I also request all correspondence, including emails and letters, written between the force and BAE Systems relating to UAS.

The request relates only to the potential use of "drones" it does not relate to the potential use of systems which are used to capture images / data of drones nor the databases which they download to.

In response:

We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention.

No information held. Northumbria Police do not use drones.

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