



## Freedom of Information Request 569/13

*Response date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013*

I am writing to submit a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to know the following:

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 can you provide:
  - a. Dates, 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 received - I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013.

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### RESPONSE

#### Question 1

South Wales Police do not use and have never considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

#### Question 2

The use of UAVs is currently being looked at nationally by National Police Air Service.

#### Question 3

Not applicable.

#### Question 4

No plans or timetables have been produced by the Force in order to make preparations for the introduction of UAVs.

#### Question 5

No meetings have been held with representatives of UAV manufacturers or manufacturers' industry bodies on the issue of the introduction of UAVs.

#### Question 6

No meetings have been held with other police forces in relation to the use of UAVs.

#### Question 7

In relation to information received from central or local government or the Association of Chief Police Officers, please see the attached documents entitled 'UAS1 Letter to ACPO' and 'UASSO TORs2'. Please note the information is now out of date and things have moved forward since the letter was written. The date of the letter is also inaccurate as it changes each time it is opened.

#### Question 8

Yes the Force has designated a single point of contact for unmanned aerial systems.

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