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Dear Section 40

FOI Reference No: Our ref: FOI-20112/233300

Thank you for your request for information received by West Yorkshire Police on 10 January 2011.

You requested the following information:

Subject : FOI - Unmanned Autonomous Systems

Body :

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I am requesting

the following information under the Freedom of Information

Act

(2000):

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.

I would prefer to receive this information in an electronic format.

CLARIFICATION -

Please provide info for the last three years.

Also please note 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 they download to.

West Yorkshire Police do not hold any information in relation to your request.

Please accept our apologies of the delay in dealing with your request.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Bronwen Salmon
Freedom Of Information

Steven Harding
Head of Information Management

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require West Yorkshire Police to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint to have the decision reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police independent review panel, which will be made up of a Senior Police Officer and a representative from the Force Solicitor's Office, will deal with this appeal in the first instance. Both are fully trained in interpreting the Freedom of Information legislation and neither person on the Appeals Review Panel will ever have been involved in dealing with your initial request.

Complaints should include the FOI reference number, be made in writing or email and addressed to:

foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

or

West Yorkshire Police
FOI Appeals Panel
PO Box 9
Laburnum Road
Wakefield
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In all possible circumstances West Yorkshire Police will aim to respond to your complaint within three months.

4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the decision after the review by the West Yorkshire Police Appeals Panel, you may then make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.gov.uk.

Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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