

Dear Chris

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0508/13

In reply to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 30/07/13.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) requires us to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published, and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Request

The request is as follows:

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

I would like the request to cover the dates 1 July 2009 to the present.

We have completed all searches within Cambridgeshire Constabulary and hereby enclose your response.

Response

Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information to satisfy your request, as we do not hold this information.

Additionally, Cambridgeshire 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.

If you are unhappy with this response, please see the attachment below, which sets out your rights to appeal.

(See attached file: Complaint Rights May-11.pdf)

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact the Information Access Office via email, or on telephone number 01480 456 111 extension 2034.

Regards

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