



**Derbyshire Constabulary**

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Ask For: Freedom of Information  
Our Ref: 001679/13  
Your Ref: UAV's  
Date: 6 August 2013

Dear Mr Jones

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 001679/13**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 19/07/2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am writing to submit a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to know the following: I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013.*

*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:*



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*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?*

### **Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located information relevant to your request.

### **Decision**

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please note that with the exception of questions 1 and 3 for which information is supplied the official position of the Constabulary is 'no information held'.

1. The Constabulary utilised a UAV on 15 August 2009 to assist in the monitoring of the Red, White and Blue Festival at Codnor.
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  - a. As 1 above
  - b. As 1 above
  - c. The UAV was a Model ARB 100b manufactured by AirRobot UK

### **Partial Neither Confirm nor Deny**

In addition to the above the Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any further information relevant to your request as the duty in s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemption: -

### **Section 23 (5) - National Security Bodies**

Section 23(5) is an absolute exemption and as such does not require the consideration of a harm or public interest test.

This refusal should not be taken to mean that the information you have requested exists or does not exist.

### **Right to Request a Review (Complaint)**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lea  
Freedom of Information Officer

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