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Dear Mr Jones

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

1. In the period from 1 January 2009 to the present, 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. From 1 January 2009 to the present, 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. From 1 January 2009 to the present, have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of other police forces in relation to the use of

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The scope of your request is very broad. In order to determine whether any information is held relevant to your request, the force would have to firstly identify those individuals within the previous stand-alone Air Support Unit operated by Hampshire Constabulary and then request that they undertake a historic search of all e-mails, meeting minutes, reports, demonstration notes and any other documentation.

The Hampshire Constabulary standalone Air Support Unit ceased to operate in October 2010 and paperwork was moved into the force's Central Archive facility. Any relevant storage boxes would have to be identified and then any documents that may be relevant would have to be located and retrieved from within the boxes of documents stored. Electronic information would also have to be reviewed - all meeting minutes would have to be located and reviewed and all emails, including those that have been deleted or archived, would have to be identified and retrieved.



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UAVs? If so, please you can you provide:
a. Date, 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?

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – allowing the force to approach a single individual and ask them to undertake a archive search of their emails, for a limited period of time (such as a recent week) to determine if any information is held relevant toy our request.

Please be aware, however, that any information held in respect of a refined request may attract the application of exemptions contained within the Freedom of information Act and/or a neither confirm nor deny response.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request.

Please note where you are asking for the creation of information or an explanation, not valid under FOI question 2.

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Yours sincerely

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