



**HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY**

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Dear Mr Jones,

Your request for information relating to unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI). You have specifically requested the following information covering 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:
 - 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?

Following enquiries within the Constabulary I can confirm that Hertfordshire Constabulary does not use UAVs and has not engaged in a project to consider their use; therefore there is no information held relating to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Assistant

Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. If you decide to request such a review and having followed Hertfordshire Constabulary's full process and you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.