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Dear Mr Jones

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 238/13/14

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 19th July 2013 in which you sought access to the following information:

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:
 - 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?

Norfolk Constabulary holds part information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary can confirm that the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems has been considered and product information requested.

Additionally, Norfolk Constabulary 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.

This response will be published on the Norfolk Constabulary's web-site www.norfolk.police.uk under the Freedom of Information pages at [Publication Scheme - Disclosure Logs](#).

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Gibson
Freedom of Information Department

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site;
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask the Norfolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask the Norfolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by the Norfolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify the Norfolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Professional Standards Department
Norfolk Constabulary
Operations and Communications Centre
Jubilee House
Falconers Chase
Wymondham
Norfolk NR18 0WW
OR
Email: freedomofinformation@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances the Norfolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with the Norfolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply 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.informationcommissioner.gov.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700