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NORTH WALES POLICE
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Response Date: **05/08/2013**

2013/437 - Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Has your force used (in a trial or otherwise) or considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)?

No.

2. If your force has not considered using UAVs, could you state why not?

The recent national review of air operation in the UK recommended that the use of UAVs should be considered from a centralised perspective. Consequently the National Police Air Service (NPAS) has been formed and North Wales Police would look to NPAS to take the lead on such matters.

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.

N/A.

4. Has any sort of plan or timetable been produced by the force in order to make preparations for the introduction of UAVs?

No.

- a. If so, please provide a copy of the plan/timetable.

Please see response to question 4.

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:

No.

- a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.

Please see response to question 5.

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:

No.

a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.

Please see response to question 6.

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?

Please see the answer to question two.

a. If so, please provide a copy of the documents provided.

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8. Has your force designated a single point of contact (SPOC) for unmanned aerial systems?

No.

Additionally, North Wales Police force can neither confirm nor deny that they hold any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1) (a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 19/07/2013