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Mr Chris Jones
Statewatch

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Our Ref: FOI 4221
Your Ref:
Date: 18/09/2013

Dear Mr Jones,

Re: Request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, first notified to Staffordshire Police on the 20th August 2013.

I refer to the above correspondence in which you request information described in the following terms.

*I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request for the following:
Please provide a copy of the policy/policies governing the collection, retention and use of data that is/has been gathered during the force's deployment of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).*

A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is to any extent relying on a claim that any provision in part II relating to the duty to confirm or deny is relevant to the request or on a claim that information is exempt information must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice which-

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question, and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Staffordshire Police do not hold the information you have requested.

All data that is gathered by Staffordshire Police is subject to the Data Protection Act, MOPI and RIPA.

Staffordshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case.

Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

I thank you for your interest in Staffordshire Police and hope that you are satisfied with this answer. However, should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you do have the right of complaint under section 17(7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If you wish to appeal this decision, please inform me in writing at the below address. If you do appeal, your application and the decision will be reviewed by a Senior Decision Maker who was not involved in the original decision. Should this not resolve the matter to your satisfaction, you would then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you require an internal review you should notify me in writing. I can be contacted by post:

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Yours sincerely,

Tracey Brindley
(Freedom of Information Local Decision Maker)