

**Our Ref:** 165-13-527

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Dear Chris Jones,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 165-13-527**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request. You asked:

*I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013:*

**Q1.** Has your force used (in a trial or otherwise) or considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)?

**Q2.** If your force has not considered using UAVs, could you state why not?

**Q3.** 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.

**Q4.** 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.

**Q5.** 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.

**Q6.** 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.

**Q7.** 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.

**Q8.** Has your force designated a single point of contact (SPOC) for unmanned aerial systems?

**A1-8.** No information held.

Additionally, Surrey Police can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any other information relevant to this request 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 an absolute class-based exemption and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test.

Surrey Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. How to do this is set out in the attached Appeals Notice. Having followed the full procedure, if you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give your case consideration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Surrey Police. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact us on 01483 - 630007 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

**Neil Coventry**  
**Information Access Decision Maker**