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Dear Mr Jones

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI-2013-00409

I write in connection with your request dated 18 July 2013, received by Warwickshire Police on the same day, in which you seek access to the following information:

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 you can you provide:*
 - a. *Date, 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*

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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?

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

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Warwickshire Police to locate relevant information. I can now confirm that the Warwickshire Police response is 'no information held'.

Additionally, Warwickshire Police 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.

Appeal Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of appeal.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Mumford
Information Compliance

WARWICKSHIRE POLICE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEALS PROCEDURE

This appeals procedure is issued in accordance with paragraph 36 of the Lord Chancellor's Freedom of Information Access Code of Practice.

Appeal Notification

When a Freedom of Information (FOI) applicant, who has made a request for information, is dissatisfied with the response received from Warwickshire Police, the FOI applicant should inform Warwickshire Police in writing (this may be by email) of the reasons why the response is deemed unsatisfactory.

Should a person who feels that Warwickshire Police is not complying with its Publication Scheme, the person should inform Warwickshire Police in writing (this may be by email) of the reasons for their dissatisfaction.

Action by Warwickshire Police

When a dissatisfaction report is received, the circumstances of the dispute will be reviewed initially by the Decision Makers in the Freedom of Information Office.

If the Decision Makers are unable to resolve the dispute with the FOI applicant, the dispute will be referred to a Board comprising a Head of Department and a Chief Officer. The Board will not have been involved in the original decision making process to compile the response.

The Board will consider the dispute and will advise the FOI applicant of their decision as soon as practicable, but within 20 working days.

Further Action by FOI Applicant

If the FOI applicant remains dissatisfied with the Warwickshire Police response, they then have the option to refer the case to the Information Commissioner.