



Derbyshire Constabulary

Mr Chris Jones

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Direct Line: 0300 122 8752
Ask For: Freedom of Information
Our Ref: 001965/13
Your Ref: Drones
Date: 5 September 2013

Dear Mr Jones

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 001965/13

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 20/08/2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

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).

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located some information relevant to your request.

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

The Constabulary does not utilise drones (UAV's) nor has it any intention to do so in the near future. Consequently it has no policies covering this issue.

The Constabulary did utilise a UAV on 15 August 2009 to assist in the monitoring of the Red, White and Blue Festival at Codnor. The UAV was a Model ARB 100b manufactured by AirRobot UK. The intention was to 'test' the concept but due to technical issues on the day and the fact it was a large scale operation the use of the Constabulary's helicopter was more effective.

Given the above circumstances no policy was drafted covering its use or the collection/use of any data recorded. As such the position of the Constabulary in respect of this is 'no information held'. I am able to state however, that at the time of use relevant guidance as issued by the Civil Aviation Authority was utilised.

An addition Derbyshire Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any further information relevant to your request as the duty in s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemption: -

Section 23 (5) - National Security Bodies

This refusal should not be taken to mean that the information you have requested exists or does not exist.

Section 23(5) is an absolute exemption and as such does not require the consideration of a harm or public interest test.

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lea
Freedom of Information Officer

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