



Gloucestershire Constabulary

People First Policing

Dear Mr Jones,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2013.4732

On the 19th July 2013 you sent a letter constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

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 can you provide:
 - a. Dates, 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 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?

Clarification:

I am writing to issue a clarification to my recent FOI request - I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that the Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

1. The Force has not used nor is considered using UAV's.

2. The legislation makes it disproportionately expensive for this Force.
3. Not applicable.
4. No.
5. There have been no meetings, but UAV's have been demonstrated to the Force at large training events.
6. There have been no meetings but there has been telephone conversations seeking scoping information.
7. No.
8. There is no SPOC, but this type of equipment would fall to the Forces Operational Planning Unit.

I hope this helps.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Baynes
Information Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary

