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Dear Mr Jones,

Freedom of Information Request 2013/16184

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received in this office on the 18th July 2013.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, Section 1(1) (a), is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, Section 1 (1) (b), is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Under the provisions of those sections of FOIA, I can confirm that information you requested is held by Gwent Police for the below questions so we are able to comply with your request to supply information.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

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

A1. No

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

A2. No Information Held

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.

A3. N/A

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.

A4. No

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.

A5. No Information Held

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.

A6. No Information Held

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.

A7. No information held

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

A8. Chief Superintendent Alun Thomas

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

Additionally, Gwent Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to your request by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information relating to the Security bodies;

Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test.

The Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the general public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

I hope this information is satisfactory to your request however, should you feel dissatisfied with this response or the way in which your request was handled, I have attached the Gwent Police FOI Appeals Procedure for your information.

Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.

Regards,

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