



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05382

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Illegal Flying of Drones

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of people arrested by your force since January 1st 2013 on suspicion of breaching the Air Navigation Order for illegal flying of drones, or 'unmanned aerial vehicles'.

Question 2

Please provide a breakdown of the figures by calendar year, ie: the total number of arrests in 2013 and the number so far in 2014 as of the most recent date available.

Clarification received: Part two of the request refers to the arrests outlined in part one. I just wanted the total since January 2013 broken down by the number last year and the number so far this year

Please also provide a short description of the alleged offence for example: 'Flying within 50 metres of a sports stadium containing thousands of people.'

Answers

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

There have been **no** arrests made by PSNI for the 'flying of drones' or 'unmanned flying vehicles'.

To obtain this result the PSNI NICHE computer system was checked for any offences which contained the words 'drone' or 'unmanned' and there were no results returned.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by

emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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