



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2017-02089

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Drone Related Calls

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

For the period 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls have been received by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, with a breakdown of the nature of the incident, any action taken, and the month the call was received.

#### Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates.

Between 1st April 2017 and 30th June 2017, 73 incidents were reported where the text 'Drone' appears in the call for service. Please see table below providing a breakdown of the closing code classifications by month. Three of the incidents resulted in a crime being recorded.

Main Incident Classification Code	April	May	June
Anti-social behaviour (nuisance/personal)	5	2	2
Burglary	0	0	1
Concern for safety	0	1	0
Contact Record	8	14	10
Duplicate Incident	1	0	1
Found Property	1	1	0
Lost Property	0	1	0
Pre-planned events	0	2	0
Suspicious circumstances/vehicle	5	6	7
Theft	0	2	0
Transport rail/air marine	0	0	2
Blank	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>

Please note that the term drone may have been picked up through mis-spelling, for example where 'drone' has been typed instead of 'drove' and may also have been picked up from a name or address e.g. Drone's Road.

This information is based on data extracted from a live recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.