



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00030

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Calls To PSNI In Relation To Drones And UAV

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

For the period 1st October 2017 to 31st December 2017 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls have been received by Police Service of Northern Ireland, with a breakdown of the nature of the incident and the month the call was received?

Answer

This response is based on incidents identified through the following search criteria being applied: Incident report date 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017 - - where the text 'drone' has been included in the call for service. Attempts have been made to exclude addresses or names including the text 'drone' eg Drone's Road from the search criteria, however it is not possible to exclude all such use of the text 'drone' in addresses or names. It is also possible that the term drone has been picked up through miss-spelling, for example where 'drone' has been typed instead of 'drove'.

Main incident classification code	October'17	November'17	December'17
Anti-social behaviour (nuisance/personal)	2	1	1
Burglary	0	0	0
Civil dispute	1	0	1
Concern for safety	1	0	0
Contact record	12	12	12
Duplicate incident	1	0	1
Found property	0	1	1
Fraud	0	0	0
Lost property	1	0	2
Other notifiable crime	0	0	0
Pre-planned events	0	0	0
Suspicious circumstances/vehicle	3	5	7
Theft	0	0	2
Transport rail/air marine	0	0	1

Blank	1	0	1
Total	22	19	29

Please note: 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.

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