



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01331

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Drone/UAV Related Calls to PSNI

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 1

For the period 1st January 2018 to 31st March 2018 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

Please see the information requested provided in table below and please note that as there were no crimes associated with any of the incidents extracted from the key word search for 'drone' there are no actions to provide.

Please note that the call for service details **have not** been read through to establish the context in which the text 'drone' has been used.

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.

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' e.g. 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 mis-spelling, for example where 'drone' has been typed instead of 'drove'.

Main incident classification code	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
Anti-social behaviour (nuisance/personal)	0	2	1
Burglary	0	0	0
Civil dispute	0	0	0
Concern for safety	0	0	0
Contact record	4	11	10
Death/sudden	1	0	0
Duplicate incident	0	0	0
Found property	1	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0
Lost property	1	0	0
Other notifiable crime	0	0	0
Pre-planned events	0	0	0
PSNI generated resource activity	0	0	1
Suspicious circumstances/vehicle	3	5	4
Suspicious person	0	1	1
Theft	0	0	0
Transport rail/air marine	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0
Total	10	19	17

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.