



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00589

Keyword: Policing Themes, Operations and Investigations Drones

Subject: Drone/UAV related calls received and logged by the PSNI

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we 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 July 2021 to 31st December 2021 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls per month were received and logged by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call.

Request 2

Similarly for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls per month were received and logged by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call.

Answer

Please see the attached spreadsheet which provides the period of 1st July 2021 to December 2022 with the recorded drone/UAV related calls per month that were received and logged by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call logged.

Please note:

This response is based on incidents identified through the following search criteria being applied: Incident report date 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022, where the text 'drone' has been included in the call for service.

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. The incidents have been identified where the text 'drone' has been included in the call for service. PSNI only conducted a text search of the call for service field within the police system. Therefore if mention of 'drone' is made in any other part of the NICHE occurrence, this will not have been identified meaning the information provided in this response may be incomplete.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their discretion.

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