



Date: 23/03/2023
Our ref: 958/23

Dear Alan,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 958/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/02/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

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 Greater Manchester Police, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call.

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 Greater Manchester Police, with a breakdown of the specific nature of each call.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. A search was conducted on our systems for all incidents created between 01/07/2021 and 31/12/2022 the title, details or contact comments contains DRONE, UAV or UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.

To provide the "specific nature" of the incidents, as requested, would involve a manual search of all those records. Furthermore, the keyword methodology does not account for spelling

errors and the presence of keywords does not necessarily mean that a record is relevant to your request, for example, UAV appearing as part of a vehicle registration number.

The number of incidents that resulted from this search is 683, therefore at a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to review and redact each individual log it would take approximately 57 hours to ascertain the data required.

As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a much shorter time period or limited to a specific event. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk



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Age Group	Percentage
18-24	85%
25-34	75%
35-44	65%
45-54	55%
55-64	45%
65-74	35%
75-84	25%
85+	15%

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