

Date: 20th December 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013721/L

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013721/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1) The budget of your force.

Drones, as defined by the Civil Aviation Authority, relate to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the purpose of the above requests.

2) If your force has a dedicated team for drone usage.

Drones, as defined by the Civil Aviation Authority, relate to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the purpose of the above requests.

3) The number of drones your force possesses.

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4) The brand(s) of these drones.

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5) The number of cases/situations these drones were deployed in from 2022 to 2023.

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6) The types of cases/situations these drones were deployed for.

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7) If drones have been deployed in tandem with each other.

Drones, as defined by the Civil Aviation Authority, relate to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the purpose of the above requests.

8) If the usage of a drone swarm is being researched or otherwise investigated for use.

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Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide all the information requested as exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The requested information for question 1 is exempt under section 21 – *Information accessible to applicant by other means*. The information referred to is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the link below.

Results

Question 1 - [chief-constables-unaudited-statement-of-accounts-2023-24---29-july-2024.pdf](#)

Results to remaining questions

Question 2 – Yes.

Question 3 – 15

Question 4 – DJI

Question 5 – 561

Question 6 – Numerous different incident types these include incidents like crime scenes, missing persons, football fixtures, events, and searches.

Question 7 – Yes.

Question 8 – No information held.