



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000137-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"I hereby request the following information relating to drones (also known as unmanned aerial vehicles):

- 1. The number of incidents involving drones reported to your force in the following three periods: 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014; 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015; 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016.*
- 2. For each incident please provide: the date, a summary of the incident and the outcome of any investigation - ie. No suspect(s) identified; if suspect(s) arrested whether they were charged; cautioned; or no further action was taken."*

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 6 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's call data for all incidents recorded that contain the word 'DRONE' within the freetext of the call.

Each call was then manually reviewed to ensure the call related to drones specifically.

The attached spreadsheet confirms there were a total of 129 incidents located relating specifically to the use of drones and includes the date, brief summary and outcome.

Please note; where no criminal offence has been committed this has been listed as 'no crime'

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.