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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 091/2024

Thank you for your request for information regarding CRU Advice re drones; which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

Has the Central Referral Unit (CRU) provided any guidance to forces for any drone related FOIAs, for example (but not limited to) drone incidents such as the Gatwick drone incident (Operation Trebor) or recently with Lakenheath/Mildenhall or FOIAs such as those related to the shooting down of a drone in Cumbria?

NPCC Response:

I can confirm that information is held that confirms yes, the Central Referral Unit (CRU) has provided advice to forces in relation to drone related requests.

Outside of the Freedom of Information Act, and as a gesture of goodwill, I can confirm that a keyword search revealed 49 requests were identified which had the word 'drone' in.

No records were found when a key word search of 'Gatwick' and 'Drone' were used together.

No records were found for a key word search for 'Trebor'.

I can confirm 9 requests were identified using a keyword search of 'Lakenheath' and 'Mildenhall'.

No records were returned when completing a key word search for 'drone' and 'shot down' together.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with, in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 working days of the date of this response. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision, and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

Annex A

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

Legislation – Section 16

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.