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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 3074/2026**

Thank you for your request for information regarding FOI 2440/2026 comms with CAA Drones Incidents, which has now been considered.

**Applicant Question:**

In FOI 2440/2025 it was confirmed that "on conferring with colleagues, it would appear that a referral into the NPCC was made directly from Leicestershire Police on 10/06/2024" in relation to a suspension at East Midlands Airport due to a drone being turned on inside a hotel.

The details I am aware of are as follows: Drone alert red zone at EMA. All operations suspended, aircraft held in the air and on the ground. Drone was detected in nearby hotel, not airborne

I don't know how that was phrased to the NPCC or CAA originally.

I am initiating a GRC First-tier Tribunal case against the ICO/Leicester Police and have concerns at a potential Section 77 concealment having taken place, with this in mind I need to clarify for evidence to the GRC the nature of the referral, was it an e-mail, phone call or other means and what information was recorded from that?

**NPCC Response:**

The NPCC does hold some information captured by your request. In pursuant of Section 1(1)(a), searches have identified the information held by the NPCC relating to this matter. The information was received via email on 14 June 2024 at 09:31. The recorded information held by the NPCC is contained in an email return from Leicestershire Police, sent to the NPCC on 14 June at 09:31 giving the following information:

1. Incident reference LEP-100624-0388, Leicestershire, East Midlands.
2. 10/06/2024, Castle Donington, Radission Blu Hotel EMA Airport.
3. Sighting, Drone Activation, Drone recovered
4. Drone Pilot identified and very apologetic

The NPCC does not hold any further information relating to the matters referred to in your request, including information concerning aircraft being held, airport operations being suspended, red zones, or whether the drone was airborne.

Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Internal Review

Any request for an internal review will be acknowledged and responded to, based on the specific wording of your initial request only.

**We ask that any rationale to request an internal review, does not include any requests for new information and ask that these be submitted by separate email. We will acknowledge as a new request and may aggregate to your initial request in compliance with the legislation.**

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.

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**Annex A**

**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.

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