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Our Ref: FOI2019/00210

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00210

I write in connection with your request for information received on 10th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to know the following under the Freedom of Information Act. Total breakdown of the number of reported incidents involving drones reported to your force in the last three calendar years, broken down by year.

- **Total number of reported incidents for 2018, 2017 and 2016**
- **Relevant police notes (MO notes) describing the incident**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Response - Following enquiries within the Force please see table below:

Incidents involving drones	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
DRONE - Flying Over Residential Premises / Gardens	27	27	32	86
DRONE - Police deploy - Incident Use	13	5	7	25
DRONE - Flying over Airport Flightpath	8	16	4	28
DRONE - MOP made police aware they will be flying their drones	0	1	12	13
DRONE – Seen Flying in Public Place	6	1	2	9
DRONE - Company / Film crew using Drone - police aware	3	10	5	18
DRONE - Flying over Children's Nursery / School	5	14	2	21
DRONE - Reported theft /attempted theft of Drone	6	2	1	9
N/A - IP believes under surveillance from Drones - MH Issues	2		3	5
DRONE - Police Deploy - Missing Person	5	10		15
DRONE - Flying over Main Roads	1	4	3	8
DRONE - Flying over business		3	2	5
DRONE - Flying over Children's Park		3	1	4
DRONE - Flying over Prison		2	1	3
DRONE - Found	3			3
DRONE - Flying over Private land			2	2
DRONE - Police generated activity	2			2

DRONE- Flying over Farmland		2		2
DRONE - Flying over Government Premises		2		2
DRONE - Interfering with police business*		1		1
DRONE - Flying around Police Station	1			1
DRONE - Flying over Police HQ		1		1
DRONE - Flying over Children's football match			1	1
DRONE - Flying over allotment			1	1
DRONE - Flying over Campsite			1	1
DRONE - Flying over Riding School			1	1
DRONE - Flying over crime scene (Uncertain if police deployed)			1	1
DRONE - Fire Service using drone - police aware			1	1
DRONE - Farmer using drone to identify trespassers - police aware		1		1
DRONE - MOP has arrived with Drone to aid in FIRE incident - Police aware			1	1
DRONE - MOP asking for Police drone to help with nuisance youths		1		1
DRONE - Public reporting sighting	1			1
DRONE - Reported criminal damage to Drone	1			1
DRONE - Possession	1			1
N/A - Suspicious - child riding around street with DRONE in trailer	1			1
N/A - MOP Asking police advice on drone flight laws			1	1
N/A - INF found Drone videos online regarding drones being flown near flight zone	1			1
N/A - Suspicious - males looking for lost drone			1	1
N/A - Searching for stolen Dog with Drone – police aware			1	1
N/A - MOP has small DRONE offered to assist police search.			1	1
N/A - LFC Supporter asked for permission to fly Drone in Crowded area			1	1
Grand Total	87	106	89	282

Bedfordshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information relating to security bodies listed at Section 23 (3)

Section 23 Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters

(5) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.