

1. How many incidents have been reported involving the use drones for each of the following years:-
a. April 2015 to March 2016 b. April 2016 to March 2017 c. April 2017 to March 2018

Please see attached (3300_ATTACHMENT_01)

2. How many reported incidents involving the use of drones have led to a prosecution for each of the following years:- a. April 2015 to March 2016 b. April 2016 to March 2017 c. April 2017 to March 2018

None

3. How many drones does your police force own or operate?

3. We operate 4 UAV/Drones

4. For what purposes does your police force use drones?

4. We currently use the UAV/Drones for training, high crime tasking, such as operating in areas of high crime as a preventative and deterrent tactic, but also assisting officers responding to incidents that the Drone may pick up on due to the area they can observe. Therefore, directing resources in locations to specific places. We can also assist in High Harm Incidents such as missing persons, major Incidents - giving real time footage to commanders such as football, and protests. We can also photograph and video crime scenes and road traffic collisions.

5. What are the titles and last revision date of your documented policies and/or operating procedures in the use of drones for Police investigations?

West Midlands Police S.O.P Standard Operating Procedures, written on Friday 20th April 2018.

6. What are your Police force's plans for the use of drones in surveillance work?

In addition, in regard to any information relating to the covert use of UAS's, West Midlands Police neither confirms nor denies that it holds any other information relevant to the request by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) Information supplied by or concerning certain Security Bodies;

Section 24(2) National Security

Section 31(3) Law Enforcement