



May 2017

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 004645/17**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in which you sought access to the following information:

Please can you supply the following information via email relating to DRONE/ DRONES

- 1 For the calendar years 2015 and 2016, and the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 how many drone related incidents have been reported to Norfolk Constabulary, with if possible a breakdown of the nature of the incident, the action taken, and the month it occurred in.
- 2 For each of the years 2015 and 2016, and in the period 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 whether Norfolk Constabulary has brought any prosecutions relating to drone incidents.

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

Research has been undertaken of report incidents which contain the word 'drone'. Each incident has been reviewed to provide you with a brief summary and whether any action was taken.

Incidents up to December 2016 had been previously released under the Freedom of Information Act. A copy of the response is published on the Norfolk Constabulary website.

Under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), public authorities are not required to provide information that is reasonably accessible to the public by other means, in this case via the Norfolk Constabulary website; therefore in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), this serves as a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

Please use the link below to access the relevant document.

[https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/000165\\_drone\\_incidents\\_2014-2016.pdf](https://www.norfolk.police.uk/sites/norfolk/files/000165_drone_incidents_2014-2016.pdf)

For information from January to March 2017, please see table below:-

Year	Month	Summary	Action taken
2017	January	Report of drone being flown low across road and distracting drivers	Police attended and no drone seen
2017	January	Male asked to look in rear garden for drone. No drone seen.	Reported several hours later for information.

2017	January	Store reporting stolen items and has recently had drones stolen	Officer booked to attend
2017	January	Reporting a drone flight booked to survey a chimney	Logged for information
2017	January	Report of male attempting to shoplift 2 drones	Circulated for observations
2017	January	Report of test flight of drone to be carried out over river	Logged for information
2017	January	Report of drone being shoplifted	Officer attendance
2017	February	Report of a drone to be flown next day	Reported for information
2017	February	Caller reporting a drone being used and causing headaches	Repeat report
2017	February	Report of a commercial photographer will be using a drone next day	Logged for information
2017	February	Reporting a drone being flown over address.	Reported due to recent break ins in area. Logged for info
2017	February	Planned use of drone next day	Logged for information
2017	February	Planned use of drone for aerial photography	Logged for information
2017	February	Report of 2 drones being flown over gardens	Advised to contact Civil Aviation Authority
2017	February	Informing police of use of a drone for filming in area	Logged for information
2017	February	Confirmation of pre-planned filming with drone	Logged for information
2017	February	Drone seen flying over busy shopping area	Young males had gone, so logged for information
2017	March	Report of drone going missing whilst being used in case anyone finds it	Logged for information
2017	March	Persistent male at door selling drone photographs of houses	Male located and all in order
2017	March	Caller reporting being followed by a drone on 2 occasions	Recorded for information purposes
2017	March	Loud drone flying overhead	Police helicopter flying
2017	March	Informing police of drone being flown next day to take photos	Logged for information
2017	March	Caller reporting drone being flown over properties	Words of advice
2017	March	Report of a commercial drone being used over next week to take photographs	Logged for information
2017	March	Caller being followed by drone being flown on recreation ground	Males advised of use of drone
2017	March	Male seen carrying drone close to HMP	Officer attended
2017	March	Drone stolen from store	Officer attended and incident crimed

This response will be published on the Constabulary's web-site under the Freedom of Information pages:-

<https://www.Norfolk.police.uk/services/freedom-information/disclosure-logs>