

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request 0002/19 - Drones

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request:-

For the period 1st July 2018 to 31st December 2018 can you please tell me how many drone/UAV related calls have been received by Northumbria Police, with a breakdown of the nature of the incident, any action taken, and the month the call was received.

There have been 35 incidents where the keywords, 'Drone', 'Unmanned aerial vehicle' or UAV appeared in the first three lines of the incident description.

Nature of the incident	Count	Month	Count
ASB - Non Vulnerable	12	Jul	12
Concern for Safety - person of any age	1	Aug	6
Generic Crime	4	Sep	3
Message	1	Oct	4
Rail/Marine/Air Inc not elsewhere	1	Nov	4
Suspicious Activity	16	Dec	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

### Action taken

Advice given to the caller regarding the law and was offered an appointment with npt, the caller declined.

Advised caller we will switch incident to NPT and informed caller to make further contact if male returns

There is no breach of privacy as per the drone footage, it has been viewed and is recorded between 100-140ft and is nowhere near houses. Advice given to both parties.

Caller contacted police reporting ASB with his neighbours drone. He has been told that local NPT be informed.

This call was for info only - someone could be using the drone for criminal activity. Advised that if he can see where the device is being brought to land contact police so that any unlawful activity can be ruled out. Caller happy with advice and local NPT patrol.

Caller with known mental health issues was reassured that the devices reported were not the property of the police.

Drone has left however the caller wished for local officers to be made aware in case of other incidents in the area.

Drone stolen from a shop, investigation complete, no suspect identified

HMP aware of info passed & monitoring

Spoken to the owner of the drone. He has agreed not to fly his drone near to houses in the future. I have recontacted caller and explained this.

Incident crimed but the victim does not support police action

Incident investigated and found to be a practical joke (non-malicious).

Male spoken to and words of advice given regarding flying a drone. He is aware of the legislation around drones.

NAS airport control tower updated - they have had no reports and they do not propose to take any action as the report is under 400ft which is the legal limit.

No offences made out, advice given to both parties.

NPT have visited the occupant who states he no longer owns the drone as he crashed it.

Officer attended and both parties were given suitable advice.

Officer attended and spoke to caller.

Officer attended and spoke to caravan park manager.

Officer attended, no suspect found.

Officer attended, no sign of any drone being flown around. An officer will ring the caller to give advice. Attempted to speak to caller but got no answer.

Officer has spoken to caller he state this has been the middle school staff there are no concerns caller and staff were very appologetic.

Officer spoke to the owner of the drone - this had been a christmas present and was small in size. Happy it was in safe distance from the specified area.

Officer to follow up enquiries and issue advice.

Officers attended the scene, no drones found.

Officers have spoken to two lads operating it. They are doing some photography on the quayside. Nothing untoward.

Officer attended and discussed the situation with the caller, she cannot work out where the drone is coming from, passed for the attention of the NPT as they may have local knowledge.

The drone is no longer above the school and the children are not outside. The caller has been advised to call back if she sees the drone again.

Theft of a drone, investigation complete, no suspect identified.

Theft of drone from shop, investigation complete, no suspect identified.

Theft of drone, incident crimed, investigation complete, no suspect identified.

There is no legislation preventing males flying the drone in this vicinity.

This is a continuation of a complaint made earlier by the caller about his neighbour flying a drone in the area, a NPT officer is aware and will be making contact in due course.

This is historic, investigation extremely limited as the incident was 1 yr ago and the fliers unknown.

Tried contacting the caller via both numbers provided. No voicemail facility. This was in order to confirm that he is aware that the drone activity was legal.