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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2015. You requested the following information:

*How many incidents have been reported to your force involving the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) also known as drones?*

*Please apply this request to the period Jan 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015. I suggest searching your crime recording systems for the following terms:*

*Drone  
UAV  
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.*

*Please advise me if there are other terms which may be relevant to this request or other means to access the information I am seeking.*

*I would like a breakdown of this information including:*

- 1. The month and year of each incident*
- 2. A summary of the incident including the circumstances of the use of the UAV/drone*
- 3. Whether or not it was recorded as a crime-related incident (please state the potential/notifiable offence(s) e.g. harassment; voyeurism etc*
- 4. Whether or not an offender(s) was identified, their age(s) and what the outcome of the investigation was e.g. charge, caution, warning etc.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Three incidents were reported to the RAF Police between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2015. No incidents were reported to the Royal Navy Police, Royal Military Police or the Ministry of Defence Police.

The following table provides a breakdown of the three incidents:

<b>Month and Year</b>	<b>Summary of Incident</b>	<b>Recorded Crime</b>	<b>Offender Identified</b>	<b>Age of Offender</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
November 2014	Civilian reported loss of UAV at RAF Benson	Not applicable	No	Not known	Advised to contact CAA
December 2014	'Quad Copter' radio controlled helicopter spotted near fenceline at RAF Waddington	Unknown (Not known by Service Police)	No	Not known	Point of origin and operator not identified
January 2015	DJI Phantom drone observed hovering above Hangar at RAF Brize Norton	Unknown (Not known by Service Police)	Yes	Over 18	Civilian police informed

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

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