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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2015/07671 RFI:184/15  
Date: 25 September 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: INCIDENTS REPORTED INVOLVING THE USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs)**

I refer to your email dated 4 September 2015 which was acknowledged on 8 September 2015.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email 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 - September 1, 2015.**

**Please provide a breakdown of that 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))**
- 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.”**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Date (1)	Summary (2)	Recorded as a crime-related incident (3)	Offender identified (4)	Age of offender (4)	Outcome of investigation (4)
11/03/2015	Drone was flown within a MOD establishment. Enquiries revealed the drone was being flown by 2 Individuals. They were making a documentary and had permission to do so.	No - No offence committed.	No information held.	No information held.	No information held.
20/05/2015	Sightings of a drone flying within a public area near a government building. The person flying the drone was questioned and no further action was taken.	No - No offence committed.	No information held.	No information held.	No information held.
04/06/2015	Sightings of a drone being flown within an MOD establishment. Enquiries established that this was an authorised drone and no further action was taken.	No - No offence committed.	No information held.	No information held.	No information held.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, London SW1A 2HB (email [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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website (<http://www.ico.org.uk>).

Yours sincerely

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