

Police Minimum Investigative Standards

- Ensure Police incident and intelligence reports in accordance with local systems have been created detailing relevant circumstances of recovery.
- If taking possession of drone (with or without an attached payload), ensure it is packaged accordingly following forensic principles and exhibit continuity is maintained.
- Obtain statements from those initially seeing / recovering drone for continuity.
- Explore CCTV and ANPR opportunities within the prison establishment and recover any relevant CCTV footage and produce as an exhibit.

CAUTION

Care should be taken when handling the drone incase its propellers are started up unexpectedly and if the drone is fitted with a camera and it is left powered on, images may still be being transmitted back to the operator.

See full 'Drone Incursion Response, Planning and Recovery - A Guide for First Responders' for detailed guidance

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Prison Drone Incursion aide-mémoire

A guide for first responders dealing with the Response, Planning and Recovery of drone incidents within the UK Prison estate



For UK operational police officers and HMPPS staff

Direct – uniformed patrols to the area to intercept any packages dropped or mitigate against the aircrafts presence.

Recover – any packages or aircraft as per standard forensic recovery procedures.

Officer Safety – Never put yourself at risk from moving parts of the drone and consider appropriate storage of batteries.

Notify – Report incident to Police using local protocols and ensure relevant intelligence reports are submitted as soon as practicable.

Examine – Once packaged appropriately, ensure continuity and submit all recovered items for forensic examinations (including digital)

 Try and preserve for evidential value	 Minimal handling, think forensics (wear gloves).
 Do not remove the batteries or memory card	 Switch it off and package appropriately
 Consider storage. Possible video recording. Not in control rooms.	 Consider storage. Possible audio recording. Not in control rooms.
 Think about your own safety	 If in doubt seek advice or contact local Crime Scene Manager

Control Room action on identifying the pilot

If an individual has been identified as the pilot / controller by HMPPS Staff, the HMPPS Control Room will contact the police **using 999** to report the drone and seek immediate police assistance. Passing on a full description of the pilot and location last seen. HMPPS response should always be proportionate instructing the pilot to land the aircraft as soon as it is safe to do so if it is still airborne.

Response staff / Police deployed to area in which a drone has been reported.

When they have reached the area in which the drone has been reported, deployed security staff / Police should inform the respective Control Room of their arrival at the scene and report the exact location of the drone if still in use. They should remain in the area giving updates on location and direction of the drone to the Control Room. If the drone is not located the security staff / Police should return to the Control Room. Body Worn Video Cameras (BWVC) and other available cameras should be used where possible for evidential purposes.

DO NOT attempt to take control of the aircraft unless there is an identified threat to life. Patrol Dog Team where possible should be dispatched to the location to support staff. Be professional at all times as the drone is often used to obtain camera footage which is either live streamed to the internet or may be posted at a later date.

Guidance for HMPPS NIMU Reporting

It is essential that **ALL** drone sightings, including drone landings, crashes, recovery or conveying of non-authorised articles into the establishment grounds, or, is believed to be photographing prisoners / staff or part of the buildings fabric (including hostile reconnaissance) is reported to HMPPS NIMU during core reporting hours (0800-2200) and in any event as soon as practicably possible.

IMPORTANT

All telephone reportable incidents must be reported to the HMPPS NIMU using the single incident telephone number **0207 147 4021**