



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our Ref:
Your Ref: N/A
Date: 14 January 2021
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Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2020-260-304)

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 14 December 2020. Our response is provided below:

Q1 Does the fire service deploy drones or unmanned aerial vehicles?

Yes, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) can deploy a drone/Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) when required at incidents.

Q2 If a yes, what drones do they possess?

The drone/UAV that NFRS has access to is owned by Northamptonshire Police. We are exempting the make/model under Section 24 of the Act [Safeguarding National Security] as it is used as part of our operational response to incidents, the release of this information could potentially put NFRS at risk of a targeted attack.

Q3 Where were the drones purchased from and for how much?

As outlined in Q2, the drone/UAV accessed by NFRS was purchased by Northamptonshire Police.

Q4 Who is the relevant person(s) in charge of the drone programme?

The ownership, licencing and governance for the drone programme sits with Northamptonshire Police. The point of contact in NFRS is our Joint Operations Manager.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2020-260-304.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

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