

25 February 2015  
Reference: F0002213

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 28 January 2015, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

*I'm looking to see who would hold stats for the last 12 months with regards to contact between manned aircraft and UAV's in UK airspace. If it is CAA, would you be able to provide a breakdown of the regions i.e. England/Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland?*

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are able to provide the information below.

The UK Airprox Board (UKAB) collects reports of Airprox incidents and, after assessment, compiles a regular review of them. Each incident is assigned a risk category by the UKAB as part of its assessment.

We have searched the UKAB database for Airprox incidents involving UAVs and similar from 1 January 2014 to date. There were 6 Airprox incidents as shown in the table below. Not all of these Airprox incidents involved a positively identified UAV; some involved unidentified objects. The 5 Airprox incidents highlighted in yellow are definite sightings of model aircraft, UAVs or similar, the remaining airprox is probably a meteorological balloon or a visual illusion.

Further details of the relevant Airprox can be found on the UKAB website [www.airproxboard.org.uk](http://www.airproxboard.org.uk) under 'Reports and Analysis' within the appropriate year groupings.

Airprox No	Date	Time	lat	long	alt	Risk	Aircraft 1	Aircraft 2
2014009	04/02/2014	1353	5239N	00016W	00600	B	GROB 115, TUTOR	MODEL AIRCRAFT
2014021	27/02/2014	1103	5229N	00046E	00100	D	UAV DESERT HAWK	MERLIN, EH-101
2014073	30/05/2014	1845	5132N	00036W	01500	D	ATR42, -72	MODEL AIRCRAFT
2014104	03/07/2014	1056	5350N	00010W	00250	D	TUCANO	UNKNOWN
2014117	22/07/2014	1416	5129N	00032W	00700	A	AIRBUS A320, A321	UAV UNSPECIFIED
2014118	24/07/2014	1140	5006N	00523W	00550	D	MERLIN, EH-101	UNKNOWN

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Caroline Chalk  
Head of External Information Services  
Civil Aviation Authority  
Aviation House  
Gatwick Airport South  
Gatwick  
RH6 0YR

[caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk](mailto:caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk)

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office  
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx)

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=286&pagetype=65&appid=24>.

Yours sincerely



William Pounder  
Information Rights Officer

**CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.