



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 15/05/2025

2025/481 - Drones

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Does your police force operate a drone program? Yes

- **For each year between 2020 and 2024 how many drones has your police force operated?**
- **How much money has been invested in your police forces drone program, for each year between 2020 and 2024?**

2020 – 2022 – 4 drones - £405,768 (Only started towards end of financial year 2020/21, so 2020/21 + 2021/22 costs included)

2022 – 2023 – 7 drones - £398,784

2023 – 2024 – 11 drones - £488,229

2024 – 2025 – 15 drones - £581,725

- **Do you have a designated drone department or are they allocated to individual officers?**

We operate a dedicated team and additional pilots who have other primary roles

- **Is drone training implemented internally or externally?** Both

- **How much does it cost to train a drone pilot and how many hours does this take?**

Approx £1000 per pilot for GVC and the full initial course take place over 13 days

- **What changes are planned within your police force to better integrate drones in front line policing?** No plans to change the current model

- **Does your police force have future aspirations to operate drones as first a responder in line with future legislative changes?** Not at this time

- **Does your police force share information with other police forces regarding their drone programs, and its future integration?** Yes

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
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