

The budget of your force. – **The total budget for the force for 2024/25 is £753m.**

2) If your force has a dedicated team for drone usage. – **Yes**

3) The number of drones your force possesses. – **The Drone Unit has 17 Active Drones**

4) The brand(s) of these drones. – **This information is exempt by virtue of: S31(1) – Law Enforcement**

5) The number of cases/situations these drones were deployed in from 2022 to 2023. – **2571**

6) The types of cases/situations these drones were deployed for. – **This includes Offender Searches, Missing People Searches, RTC, Warrants, Public Order, Football, Lost Children and Community Events**

7) If drones have been deployed in tandem with each other. – **Yes**

8) If the usage of a drone swarm is being researched or otherwise investigated for use.

West Midlands Police with neither confirm nor deny this by virtue of:

Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

Section 24(2) - National Security & Section 31(3) - Law Enforcement