

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

National Police Chiefs Council (Participant A)

and

Civil Aviation Authority (Participant B)

and

Home Office (Participant C)

and

Department for Transport (Participant D)

This is an arrangement between Participant A, hereafter called National Police Chiefs Council, Participant B, hereafter called Civil Aviation Authority, Participant C, hereafter called the Home Office and Participant D, hereafter called the Department for Transport.

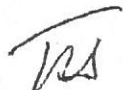
I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each participant as they relate to:

- Investigation and prosecution of drone offences set out in the Air Navigation Order 2009.
- Information sharing for the purpose of developing Government strategy and legislation in respect of drones.
- Engagement with the media in respect of drones
- Educating the public in respect of drone use and misuse.

In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- Clarify the investigation and prosecution responsibilities between the parties.
- Establish shared communication lines
- Outline the scope of information sharing between parties



- Establish agreement to develop a joint Education package
- Enhance co-ordination of media engagement.

II. BACKGROUND

The Department for Transport is the Government Department responsible for setting national aviation policy, working with airlines, airports, the Civil Aviation Authority and the UK's air navigation service providers. One of its priorities is to support the development of aviation.

The Civil Aviation Authority is the UK's aviation regulator and has powers to enforce rules applicable to civil aviation. One of its objectives is to enhance aviation safety which it does through setting and enforcing regulations and rules in respect of aircraft, airspace, airports and airlines.

The Home Office is the Government Department responsible for and overseeing immigration, passports, drugs policy, crime policy and counter terrorism and works to ensure visible, responsive and accountable policing in the UK. Specifically the Crime and Policing Group and Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism are the Home Office departments relevant to this MOU.

The National Police Chiefs Council brings together 43 operationally independent and locally accountable Chief Constables and Chief Officer teams to co-ordinate national operational policing.

III. NATIONAL POLICE CHIEFS COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

The National Police Chiefs Council will carry out the following activities:

- The Police Service will assess all reports of drone misuse. Decisions to investigate will be taken based on Threat, Risk and Harm. The Police Service do not have the resources to investigate all reports. This assessment allows resources to be concentrated on investigating the most serious misuse.

- The Air Navigation Order 2009 provides specific drone offences. However these are not recordable crimes. On assessing reports of misuse, Forces will determine whether or not a recordable crime has been committed in how the drone is used. (A drone could be used as a tool to commit a crime.) If it has, this will be recorded but depending on the assessment will not always be investigated.
- Share information in respect of investigations/prosecutions and Police Use of drones.
- Work together towards drafting and implementing effective legislation in respect of drones to mitigate misuse and the threat posed.
- Develop joint key messages for the media with the other parties.
- Inform the other parties of planned proactive media activity.
- Develop a joint drone education programme with the other parties.

IV. CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

The Civil Aviation Authority will lead in carrying out the following activities:

- Investigate and prosecute:
 - (a) offences concerning breaches of conditions of permissions for aerial work by drones and aerial work by drones conducted without CAA permission
 - (b) where aircraft or people are not endangered by drone misuse, offences concerning drone flights in controlled airspace without permission, within aerodrome traffic zones or other areas of restricted airspace, and/or flights beyond other technical or geographical limits.
- With the support of the Police Service, investigate and prosecute drone misuse which endangers aviation safety. Where the risk to aviation safety also endangers or presents a significant risk to public safety the Police Service will lead investigations, supported by the Civil Aviation Authority.

The Civil Aviation Authority does not have the resources to investigate all reports of the above offences and will concentrate its resource on investigating the most serious allegations.

- Share information in relation to Aviation Safety investigations and reported incidents involving drones.
- Work together towards drafting and implementing effective legislation in respect of drones to mitigate misuse and the threat posed
- Develop joint key messages for the media with the other parties.
- Inform the other parties of planned proactive media activity
- Develop a joint drone education programme with the other parties.

V. HOME OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

The Home Office will carry out the following activities:

- Work together towards drafting and implementing effective legislation in respect of drones to mitigate misuse and the threat posed.
- Inform the other parties of planned proactive media activity
- Develop a joint drone education programme with the other parties.
- Develop joint key messages for the media with the other parties.
- Share information in respect of threats posed by drones and mitigation options available.

VI. DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

The Department for Transport will carry out the following activities:

- Prepare, share and review the National Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment for drones;
- Work together towards drafting and implementing effective legislation in respect of drones to mitigate misuse and the threat posed
- Inform the other parties of planned proactive media activity
- Develop a joint drone education programme with the other parties.

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- Develop joint key messages for the media with the other parties.
- Share information in respect of Government Policy development.

VII. IT IS JOINTLY DECIDED BY THE PARTIES THAT:

1. Investigative and prosecution responsibilities will be conducted in accordance with Prosecutors' Convention 2009.
2. This MOU will be reviewed by all parties annually.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

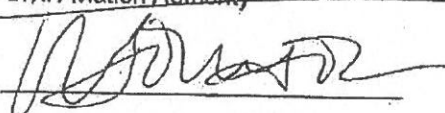
This MOU will come into effect upon the signature of Participant A's, Participant B's, Participant C's and Participant D's authorised officials. It shall be in operation from _____ to _____. Participants A, B, C and D indicate approval of this MOU by their signatures.

SIGNATURES AND DATES


National Police Chiefs Council


Date 23/5/16

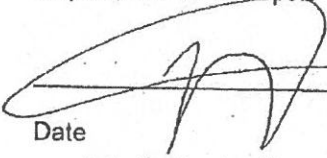
Civil Aviation Authority


Date 17 MAY 2016

Home Office


Date 1/6/16

Department for Transport


Date 17/05/16

