

30th October 2020

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202286

REQUEST

1) I wish to know how many reports of UFOs have been made to your force over the last five calendar years including the current calendar year up to the date of your response to this request (so, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020). Please break down the figures where possible, eg 2020: four sightings, 2019: five sightings etc.

2) Please include as much detail of each report as possible. I am not interested in personal details of who made the report, I just wish to know what they claim to have seen - e.g. a green light in the sky - and what action was taken e.g. - officers sent to the scene.

3) Please provide a date and location for each sighting. The location can be broad, such as a town, as I am not interested in identifying the person who made the report.

RESPONSE

During the date period you have requested there are 2 Incident Management Systems – PROCAD which was used up until 12th November 2018, and SMART Contact which was a new system introduced on 13th November 2018. These systems are used to record the majority of matters / incidents requiring the specific deployment of police resources, whether reported by members of the public or 'happened upon' by officers and staff in the course of their duties. The log runs as a running commentary of an incident as it unfolds and has limited search capability.

I contacted the Service Delivery Analysts for information from PROCAD and SMART. They have provided the following information:-

A search was carried out for the phrase ' UFO '.

Month/ Year	Comment	Location	Action
Jan-16	Caller reporting a strange light in the sky, changing colour, hovering and darting backwards at speed	S73 Barnsley	none
Jan-17	Person attended Snig Hill Police Station, showed a picture she described as being a UFO	Sheffield	Not recorded
Jan-17	Confused caller stating seen a UFO above the City Centre	Sheffield	none
Feb-17	Caller reported laser beams from the sky, can see a UFO Shape with orange beam with pulsating lights.	DN4 Doncaster	Not recorded

Dec-17	Caller reporting someone knocked on his door to say UFO up the street	S10 Sheffield	Officers in area advised
Dec-17	Caller seen something come down from the sky burning very brightly - does not believe it to be a firework due to speed trajectory and no noise.	S75, Barnsley	Officers sent to location
Feb-18	Caller states drone flying over their home, looks just like a UFO	S66, Rotherham	none
May-18	Confused caller stating they can hear a UFO	S11 Sheffield	Not recorded
Aug-18	Caller states can see an UFO approx 30000 feet above countryside area	Sheffield	Not recorded
Apr-20	Caller states has seen a UFO in the sky		Not recorded