



Ref: FOI/2239

25 May 2017

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Dear Mr Latham

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Further to your enquiry, which we received in full on 26 April 2017, you requested the following information:

Can you please release any communication either paper or email that relate to discussions with/or about community first responders responding to emergency calls using blue lights or/and claiming exemptions.

This should include any discussions around Section 19 of the road traffic act and its application or proposed application to community first responder teams.

On 19 April 2017, we advised;

Please see the attached which is part of a recent disclosure log (Request Ref 2171) and also our Community First Responders Framework which may assist with your request.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

On 26 April 2017, you advised;

For further clarification the request was:

Can you please release any communication either paper or email that relate to discussions with/or about community first responders responding to emergency calls using blue lights or/and claiming exemptions.

The provided responses do not meet the FOI information requested from yourselves. Namely you have not provided any email or paper communication with regards to discussions with/or about community first responders responding to emergency calls using blue lights or/and claiming exemptions.

The FOI request you attached does not relate to the information I have requested.

The CFR Governance Framework does not relate to the information I have requested

Response

We can confirm we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format and do not hold anything specifically in relation to your request.

We would have to manually search every email and / or written correspondence between our Community Response team staff and over 100 Community Response schemes for any mention of driving under emergency blue light conditions, claiming exemptions and any other discussions around section 19 of the Road Traffic Act. This process would take us beyond the appropriate time limit as set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

- Mr A C Marsh
Regional Headquarters
Millennium Point
Waterfront Way
Brierley Hill
West Midlands
DY5 1LX
Tel: 01384 215555

The Chief Executive Officer will then appoint a nominated deputy to oversee and respond to the appeal with their approval.

If you are unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

- Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Lynsey Kumari
Freedom of Information Officer