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Dear Max

Freedom of Information Request ref FOI044

We write in connection with your request for information which was received by Northern Trains on 19th May 2020:

"Please can I have the driver and conductor diagrams and schedule cards for the period before and after the changeover from Arriva to the DfT

If you can't find them, then the most recent old diagrams and schedule cards will be fine. I believe this falls under the FOI act as it is now old and invalid information".

Under Section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI act we can confirm that we hold this information.

We are able to provide you with some of these diagrams and schedules from May 2019 and we will attach this separately.

We are unable to provide you with any current driver and conductor diagrams or schedules as under the FOI Act this information is subject to a statutory exemption to the right of access to information under section 38(1). In this instance the exemption has been applied as disclosure of the information you have requested would potentially endanger the safety of Northern staff and members of the public. This information would potentially provide an individual with the means to ascertain more information about driver movements and potentially gain unauthorised access to our trains and non-public areas, posing an unacceptable risk to driver, staff and public safety. We also consider that apart from individual and private interests there is no wider public interest in the disclosure of this information.

The use of this exemption in relation to similar information was considered and upheld by the Information Commissioner in Decision Notice FS50607218 and we consider the same arguments apply to your request.

We hope the information we have been able to provide is of use to you.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information, Northern Trains Ltd

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Appeal Rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to request a review of our decision, please contact us at FOI@northernrail.co.uk

Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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