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Dear Mr Magill

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request received by Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS) on 23 May 2016. Please find our responses below.

Your request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following:

A current list of YAS vehicles, by fleet number, registration number, role (ie HDU, emergency ambulance, RRV) and where the vehicle has a converted or coach built body who has carried this out. Please do not include staff cars.

Trust response

We can confirm that we hold the information requested.

Whilst Yorkshire Ambulance Service always promotes disclosure and transparency of its services, given the nature of this request, it has considered a number of exemptions in accordance with the Act. In relation to providing the fleet, registration and role, the Trust has decided to exempt this information under Section 31(1)(a) of the Act. This section states that information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. The exemption is afforded to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime. It is felt that publication of this information, which provides details of all YAS fleet would leave the service vulnerable to both targeted criminal activity and is a threat to its own security and employees.

In applying this exemption the Trust is required to undertake a prejudice and a public interest test.

1) Prejudice Test

If the full details of the request are disclosed, it is likely to have an impact on both the Trust and the wider public security. Providing full details of the organisations fleet, particularly if the information was put together with other information would likely increase the risk of criminal activity and threats to both organisational and wider public security, particularly as details of resource levels and deployment plans could be obtained from this information, for example in relation to any major incident planning. The potential impact of this is therefore significant and would leave the service vulnerable to such acts.

2) Public Interest Test

EXEMPTION	FAVOURING DISCLOSURE	FAVOURING NON-DISCLOSURE
Section 31 (1)(a) law enforcement	<p>Disclosure of the information would provide the public with information concerning the Trusts fleet.</p> <p>The information would facilitate the openness and transparency of the organisations resource.</p>	<p>Disclosure of the information in the public domain could be used for targeted criminal activity.</p> <p>Disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the security of the Trust, leaving it vulnerable to targeted criminal activity.</p> <p>Releasing the information would provide information about Trust resources, and together with other information would provide intelligence around deployment of vehicles and the Trust's major incident planning.</p> <p>The consequences of the above significantly impact the safety of the Trust, its employees and the wider public.</p> <p>The information does not relate to any prevalent public issues and would not aid the understanding of these.</p> <p>The information would not inform individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives.</p> <p>The information would not bring to light information affecting patient safety.</p>
Decision:	<p>When balancing the public interest it is necessary to consider the release of the requested information into the public domain. The public interest is not what interests the public, but what would be of tangible benefit to the public as a whole.</p> <p>In this case, having weighed the case for and against disclosure, it is our decision that in relation to the fleet, registration number and role of vehicle, the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure and exemption 31(1)(a) will be maintained. In relation to the make, model and number of vehicles it is felt that the balance lies in favour of disclosure.</p>	
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REQUEST	RESPONSE
A current list of YAS vehicles, by fleet number, registration number, role (ie HDU, emergency ambulance, RRV) and where the vehicle has a converted or coach built body who has carried this out. Please do not include staff cars.	The information in relation to fleet, registration number and role is exempt under section 31(1)(a) of the Act.

A current list of YAS vehicles, by fleet number, registration number, role (ie HDU, emergency ambulance, RRV) and where the vehicle has a converted or coach built body who has carried this out. Please do not include staff cars.	The current list of all YAS vehicles with details of make, model and the total number of each vehicle is attached.
A current list of YAS vehicles, by fleet number, registration number, role (ie HDU, emergency ambulance, RRV) and where the vehicle has a converted or coach built body who has carried this out. Please do not include staff cars.	In order to collate the information in relation to the converted vehicles, this would require the manual review of 1056 vehicle records. This would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 (18 working hours) and is exempt under Section 12 of the FOI Act.

If you have any queries about the information we have provided then please contact the FOI team via email: foi@yas.nhs.uk Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

We hope this response meets your requirements but if you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled. You can request an internal review by contacting the Yorkshire Ambulance Service FOI team: email: foi@yas.nhs.uk; postal address: Springhill 2, Brindley Way, Wakefield 41 Business Park, Wakefield, WF2 0XQ

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. More information about how to appeal is available on the Information Commissioner's website at www.ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/

There is no charge for making an appeal.

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