

Reference: 1126316

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Dear Mr Conway

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Your request for information was received by us on 14 October 2020, regarding

*Please could you supply me details of incidents that the fire service have attended in 2017, 2018, 2019 with the following information*

*Date and Time of Call*

*Appliances Attended ( With the name of the station it came from and the Callsigns )*

*Specialist Vehicles that was In Attendance Eg. (HVP, EPU etc.)*

*End Time (stood down)*

*Personnel on The Appliances*

*Type of Incident*

*Location (Place / Town )*

*Premises Type*

*Outcome (Primary / Secondary)*

*What Equipment was Used at the incidents*

## **GMCA Response**

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have attached copies of the information.

I can confirm Greater Manchester Combined Authority holds the call sign for the callout, however it is exempt from disclosure under Section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA). Disclosure of this information would be likely to endanger an individual (this could be the applicant, the supplier of the information or anyone else).

To use this exemption we are required to undertake a public interest test. The matters which were considered in applying the public interest test are as follows:

## **Factors in favour of disclosure**

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It will bring to light information affecting public safety  
It will promote openness and honesty

**Factors in favour of withholding**

May reveal limitations within Authority processes which could be exploited.  
Release will inhibit the effective delivery of services and/or undermine the Authority's ability to fulfil its role  
Release may put health and safety of a group or individual at risk  
Release may impede other on-going or future investigations and/or facilitate the commission of a crime

It is considered that the greater public interest therefore lies in not providing the information at this time. In coming to that conclusion, the public interest in providing the information has been carefully weighed against any prejudice to the public interest that might arise from withholding the information; in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Furthermore, we are unable to provide details on the personnel on the vehicles as this information is not recorded on our systems. However please find number of officers included in the spreadsheet attached.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FoIA.

If you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us, quoting your reference number: 1126316

If you are not satisfied with this response you may ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

*Foi.officer@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk*

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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF*

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If you need further clarification with regards to Freedom of Information you can go to the Information Commissioners website [www.ICO.org.uk](http://www.ICO.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ZWhite". The "Z" is stylized with a large loop, and the "White" is written in a cursive script.

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