

Enquiries to: Information Team
Our Ref: FOI 981957

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**Liverpool
City Council**

Dear Mr Rainey

Freedom of Information Request 981957

Thank you for your recent request received 1 August 2019. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information –

With increased geopolitical tensions in the world between the west and major superpowers such as Russia and China, how many bomb shelters (including nuclear bomb shelters) are available in the Liverpool City Council area for the public to take shelter in?

Response:

Liverpool City Council confirms that it holds information relevant to the terms of your request, our response being set out below –

At a national level hazards and threats are assessed and published in the National Risk Register. Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA) all areas in the UK have to establish a Local Resilience Forum. In Merseyside it is the Merseyside Resilience Forum (MRF) based on the police force area. The CCA places a duty on local emergency responders (this includes Liverpool City Council (LCC)) to carry out risk assessments and make them available to the public. This document is called the Merseyside Community Risk Register (CRR). Please see below link:

<https://www.merseysideprepared.org.uk/media/1545/2019-merseyside-community-risk-register.pdf>

The CRR outlines many threats and hazards including malicious attacks. One hazard or threat on page 10 relates to chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear attack. The assessment outlines the consequences, risk rating, control measures and lead agency.

Plans and policies if a nuclear attack happened?

Contained in the CRR.

What is the evacuation plan for Liverpool?

In a major incident a Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) or Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG) would be set up in accordance with national guidance and these groups would determine the overarching strategies and be in command, control and co-ordination of the incident. Where and how you would evacuate would depend on the intelligence available.

What bunkers or underground facilities are selected for the public to use in the case of a nuclear attack?

As above the SCG / TCG would determine the most appropriate places of safety in light of circumstances.

Does Liverpool Council have any contingencies in place for possible a nuclear attack?

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Liverpool city Council is a member of the MRF and would in any such event activate its Corporate Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). An LCC strategic / tactical officer would attend and be part of the MRF SCG / TCG.

Could you also tell me Liverpool Council have any policies and contingencies for when a state of emergency is declare?

Policies and powers would be considered by the SCG / TCG in light of the prevailing circumstances.

This concludes our response.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you must submit these in writing to Informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving your response. The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with the response and we will look to provide a response within 40 days.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:- Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303-123-113. Email – mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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