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## **Freedom of Information Act Request – ID3237**

Dear Ms Powell,

Thank you for your email of 05/02/2019 where you requested information about MCA's previous involvement with the RNLI's plans regarding their all-weather lifeboat stationed at New Quay, Cardiganshire, and MCA's on-going engagement with RNLI on this matter.

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

The RNLI is an independent organisation that declares its lifeboats available to Her Majesty's Coastguard. The RNLI rightly decides on what resources it feels are appropriate in any given sea area, such as off the coast of Ceredigion. RNLI do keep us informed of the declared facilities they are able to provide, and they adjust their level of provision based on a process of continual monitoring of the situation on the coast around the whole of the UK.

MCA and RNLI regularly engage in discussion on safety matters affecting the UK coast, however it is my understanding that the process regarding the New Quay all-weather lifeboat has been concluded. In attempting to identify any such communications that may have occurred historically I have asked a number of relevant colleagues to check their email from the period concerned but as such emails would have been from a number of years ago, they have been unable to locate anything related to your request.

As it is possible that the RNLI holds information that may assist you, I recommend that you contact them via the following contact details:

RNLI  
West Quay Road  
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Tel: 0300 300 9990

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andy Cooper BACS Hons.