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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information was received by us on 18 November 2019, regarding

Could you please release details of all appliances, including support appliances (eg, Command Units, Drone unit, BA support units etc) mobilised as a result of the fire at The Cube, Bolton. Could you please release the Callsign, time mobilised, time on scene, time stood down for all GMFRS assets and assets from other services (eg Lancashire, Cheshire etc).

Could you also include appliances that were moved stations in order to maintain fire cover across the county showing Callsign, "home" station, time mobilised, station moved to, time arrived on station, Time stood down and if the appliance turned out to any calls while covering at the station. Again including GMFRS appliances and appliances from other services.

GMCA Response

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

Attached is a copy of the standby moves, which happened during the incident at The Cube.

Providing cover we had:
Lancashire 5 pumps
Cheshire 5 pumps
West Yorkshire 4 pumps
Merseyside 4 pumps

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During the incident, five pumps moved on standby to provide cover across Greater Manchester. Between them, they were mobilised 11 times to incidents whilst in their standby location.

I can confirm Greater Manchester Combined Authority holds the requested information for:

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However, it is exempt under section 21 (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA). The information you requested is available as part of the fire report which currently has a cost of £128. All further enquiries concerning the fire report should be directed to systemssupport@manchesterfire.gov.uk.

We are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

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: 376876

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:

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Wycliffe House
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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

Yours faithfully

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