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Our Ref 857460

17 August 2020

Dear Stuart Ashworth,

I am writing in relation to your request for an internal review of your Freedom of Information request (FOI 857460).

As a member of staff who was not involved in your Freedom of Information (FOI) request, I have undertaken an internal review of the GMCA's response to your request of the 28 July 2020. In conducting my investigation, I have considered your original request and have discussed your request with staff in Information Governance and GMFRS who were involved in this matter.

Your request for an Internal Review

Your internal review request outlined the following:

'Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's handling of my FOI request 'Uptodate Fleet List for 2020.'

The allocation details are redacted but on this request:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/fleet_list_2089#incoming-1594053

they are not. please could this be reviewed. Thanks'

Our response

I have now had the opportunity to review the original handling of your request and the associated correspondence.

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I have liaised with staff within Information Governance and GMFRS to determine why all location data was redacted. Unfortunately, on this occasion it appears due to a misunderstanding between the two service areas, the incorrect application of Section 38 Health and Safety exemption was used.

Upon receipt of the data harvesting information from GMFRS, the Information Governance team were advised that detailed location data was exempt under Section 38. It was unclear to the Information Governance team at this stage that this information had been already been removed, and therefore no further redaction would be required.

The Information Governance team subsequently applied additional redaction to the high level location data which was permissible to disclose. Upon investigation, the information shared with the Information Governance team in fact contained all the information available for disclosure.

I therefore uphold your complaint in this regard and confirm the incorrect application of Section 38 exemption in this instance. Colleagues in both service areas have been made aware and processes have been reviewed and amended to ensure similar instances do not reoccur.

I extend my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Please find full response attached.

I hope that this internal review addresses your concerns. However if you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner. To do so, contact:

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely



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