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Dear Mr Webb

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Further to your enquiry, which we received on 27 February 2017, you requested the following information:

I am enquiring as to what exemption this Trust has for the use of flashing/alternating white warning lights on your emergency vehicles (not the flashing/alternating headlamps) but specifically the lights used in the front grille's and lightbar's which fall under the remit of the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations.

Response

We do fit white flashing lights to the grilles of our vehicles. - We do this on the basis of the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989 Schedule 4 Part 1 which states:

Requirements relating to obligatory dipped-beam headlamps and to optional dipped-beam headlamps to the extent specified in part ii

c) Vertical—

(i)Maximum height above the ground— 1200 mm

(A)Any vehicle not covered by sub-paragraph (B):

Sub –paragraph (B) -

(B) A bus first used before 1st October 1969:

We are awaiting on clarification from the Department of Transport with regards to the lights used on the light bars on our vehicles.

We hope that this answers your request. If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

- Mr A C Marsh
Regional Headquarters
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The Chief Executive Officer will then appoint a nominated deputy to oversee and respond to the appeal with their approval.

If you are unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

- Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Lynsey Kumari
Freedom of Information Officer