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Request:

Please provide me with a copy of your pre determined attendances (PDAs) policy document. So the document that your staff determine what assets are deployed to an incident.

Response:

In response to your request above LFB policy number '0412 - mobilising policy' holds the PDA for all incident types attended by the LFB.

A redacted version of policy number '0412 - mobilising policy', was provided to the Grenfell Tower inquiry and can be accessed via the following link: Exhibit - LFB Mobilising Policy 412 Reviewed 15 July 2016 - LFB00001531 | Grenfell Tower Inquiry

We consider the redacted information you are seeking, from this policy, exempt from disclosure under the FOIA via Section 24 – National Security. Although we believe this exemption applies, the Brigade is required, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to consider the public interest. This requires us to consider whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. Whilst we acknowledge there is a public interest in knowing that the London Fire Brigade has adequate procedures in place to deal with any emergency incident involving public safety, the disclosure of these details would, or would be likely to, provide anyone wanting to carry out acts of terrorism with a detailed plan of our pre-planned emergency response and in turn damage the Brigade's ability to respond efficiently and effectively, and placing public safety at risk. It is for this reason we conclude that the public interest in withholding the information, outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/