

Dear , thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

The information that you are seeking is held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside. Please find our response below.

The link below contains the minutes of the regional collaboration board meeting from July

<http://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Working-for-You/Transparency/How-we-make-decisions/Reg-Collab-Board/RCB-notes---240714.pdf>

Agenda item 83 refers to submitted papers relating to the underwater search unit. Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to see a copy of those papers, if possible, or any other papers that relate to that item.

The report is attached with a minor redaction. The redaction has been made as there was reference to the use of Underwater Search in an investigation and it is therefore felt that Section 31(a)(b)(c) of the Act is engaged.

Section 31 – Law Enforcement is a Qualified Prejudice based exemption, there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in disclosure and weigh the public interest in disclosure versus the maintenance of the exemption applied.

Section 31(a)(b)(c) – Law Enforcement

Harm

Disclosing any information which would provide criminals with a tactical advantage in relation to a specific investigation would undermine that tactical capability.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the information would enhance transparency allowing the public to consider the use of resources in an investigation.

Factors Favouring Non Disclosure

It is the responsibility of the Police Service to protect the public and enforce the law. Disclosure would undermine the tactical capability of the Police through highlighting the use of a particular resource in a specific investigation.

Balancing Test

The Police will not divulge information if to do so would prejudice certain sensitive investigation areas or operations. Although it is arguable that there is public interest, the ability to deliver effective law enforcement is of paramount importance and therefore, it is our opinion that for these reasons the balance favours non disclosure at this time.

In accordance with section 17(1) of the Act this acts as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you think that we have not supplied information in accordance with our Publication Scheme or under general rights of access then you have the right to ask for an internal review. Any request for an internal review should be made within 30 days and addressed to:

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We would aim to complete an internal review within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely