



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 63

Travel arrangements during Covid - 19

Query and Response:

Please could you provide me with information with regard to how your organization addressed above, dealt with certain matters during the Covid 19-Pandemic.

*Personnel refers to organizational employed personnel.

**Non-operational vehicles refers to non-blue light response vehicles owned or leased by the organization.

***Level of PPE - respiratory and/or eye protection and IMPORTANTLY the grade of PPE specified e.g. in the case of respiratory protection 'Workwear or FFP1 or FFP2 or FFP3 grade masks.

**** Operational vehicles refers to blue-light response vehicles owned or leased by the organization

In relation to personnel*, traveling within NON-operation vehicles**

1. Were personnel prohibited from traveling together in a vehicle at any period during the Covid pandemic? **Yes**

2. If so, during what date period had this prohibition taken effect?
March 2020 to January 2022

3. Were personnel permitted to travel together in a vehicle at any period during the Covid pandemic? **Yes (although it was only personnel from the same watches / stations who were allowed to travel together for training. No other vehicle sharing was permitted).**

4. If so, were personnel required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while traveling together in a vehicle? **Yes**

5. If answer to Q4 is YES, during which date period had the PPE been required?
July 2020 to January 2022.

6. What level of PPE*** was specified for occupants traveling together in a vehicle?
IIR2 face masks

7. Was the requirement to wear PPE, mandatory or advisory? **Both. (as per Government Guidelines in place at the time).**



In relation to personnel*, traveling within OPERATIONAL vehicles****:

8. Were employees permitted to travel together in operational-vehicles****, (in particular Fire Engines) at any period during the Covid pandemic? **Yes**

9. If so, were personnel required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while traveling together in a vehicle during any period within the Covid pandemic? **Yes**

10. If answer to Q9 is YES - what level of PPE*** was specified for occupants within a vehicle? **IIR2 face masks, Sundstrom - FFP3, non-medical masks**

11. Was the requirement to wear PPE mandatory or advisory? **Both. (as per Government Guidelines in place at the time).**

12. In relation to Q9 above - during what date period had the PPE requirements been in place? **July 2020 to January 2022.**

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