



Yorkshire and Humber Regional Fire and Rescue Services

To: Mr Rod Barnes
Chief Executive
Yorkshire Ambulance Service
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Date: 31st March 2020

Dear Rod

I can confirm that the four Fire and Rescue Services in the Yorkshire and Humber area are able to assist YAS in dealing with the challenges you are facing due to Covid-19. I can also confirm it is our intention to use funding which we have been granted by MHCLG (letter enclosed) to provide that support.

That funding can be used by us to "Meet pressures across other services, as a result of reduced income, rising costs or increased demand". The view of Chief Fire Officers across the Yorkshire and Humber area is that the increased demand that you are facing, and planning for, meets that criteria.

Each FRS can confirm that we would be able to fund the requirement you have stated (10 firefighters from each FRS) for a minimum of one month without any additional funding, and that we will seek ongoing funding in order to continue the arrangement for as long as you need.

Our plans are that the firefighters would be issued with additional contracts, or responsibilities, through each FRS, as is usual locally, and paid by us. The exact arrangement for deploying the staff to you would be worked through once we know exactly what you need and when you require them. Each FRS are able to put the most suitable arrangements in place when the ask is better understood.

Can you respond to confirm that you want this to go ahead and with any detail you have on when you need staff to be available (even if that is only a proposed arrangement at the moment)

I hope this meets your needs, and please be assured that we are keen to assist you in any way we can, but please come back to us as required

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Blacksell', written in a cursive style.

Chris Blacksell
Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive
Humberside Fire and Rescue