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Dear All,

The following FOI internal review has been logged in the CRU - Advice is at the end of the message.

Log Number: 000636/18

Case worker: S.40(2)

Logged with: South Wales Police

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*I attach a copy of our response to the original request 243/18 (third attachment) and response data (fourth attachment).*

*In question 4, the applicant asks for details of the police resources allocated for each fixture.*

*The inspector in our Specialist Operations Department who provided us with the information advised "Given that that currently the National Threat Level is at "SEVERE" this information, by individual match, is sensitive."*

*We refused this under S.31 and provided the applicant with the total number.*

*I have discussed this with our Disclosure Officer who will be producing the response for this internal review and she also feels that a S.31 is appropriate for question 4.*

*Please could we receive advice on the above?*

Advice:

Thank you for sight of previous response and information released to this applicant. He has made other requests to forces regarding specific match figures, and worded in almost the same way; please see attached a West Midlands FOI response which does publish numbers of police officers used to resource these events.

That said, we have given previous advice regarding resource allocation as follows:

‘As the information is historical and any football match is policed in line with the current

intelligence received at the time, we do not foresee any harm. That being said, we are not aware of any local issues which may affect disclosure, therefore practitioners will need to carry out a thorough local assessment for any Section 31(1)(a)(b) Law Enforcement sensitivities.'

As your initial response used s31(1)(a)(b) to exempt these numbers, you will need to ensure that your local assessment will stand up to scrutiny if you decide to uphold your exemption. If you decide to publish the figures, then we see no harm, as given in previous advice.

I hope that assists, however if you would like anything further, then please contact me.

Kind regards

**S.40(2)**

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## REQUEST

**1. Could you please provide the number of spectators attending (the figure of actual attendees from stadium access records) each first team football match at Aston Villa/Birmingham City/Coventry City/Walsall/West Bromwich Albion/Wolverhampton Wanderers in the 2017/18 season to date (the season beginning August 2017?)**

We do not hold this information.

**2. Could you please provide the published attendance figure (the number of tickets sold and issued) for the same fixtures mentioned above**

No recorded information held, to assist, each football club's website would publish these figures.

**3. Could you please provide the cost of policing each of the same fixtures mentioned above – the costs met by the force and the costs charged to each football club**

Our data are not recorded or collated in a way which would allow us to easily retrieve the information. Whilst football clubs are currently legally obliged to pay for the policing on their "footprint", usually inside the stadium and surrounding car parks. The provision of "consequential policing" outside a football match, for example at a railway station or in the city centre, is currently the responsibility of the police. This includes any costs of such policing. These costs, except for subsistence, are not separately recorded and are therefore not identified. Policing hours are not, in the main, separately collated and are therefore not separately identifiable.

We have therefore provided the cost that are recovered from the clubs for the season specified.

In respect of one of the matches where we recovered income of £968.97 from Aston villa (VILLA VS FULHAM Income of £968.97) this amount was reduced as the force provided a refund to the club, the refund was issued against this match. The normal cost recovered for this match would have been £5,868.69.

**4. Could you please provide the details of the police resources allocated to the same fixtures mentioned above (eg 100 police officers)**

<b>West Bromwich Albion</b>	<b>Officer numbers</b>	Aston Villa	<b>Officer numbers</b>	<b>Birmingham City</b>	<b>Officer numbers</b>	<b>Wolves</b>	<b>Officer numbers</b>	<b>Walsall</b>	<b>Officer numbers</b>	<b>Coventry City</b>	<b>Officer numbers</b>
Bournemouth	21	Hull	59	Crawley (cup)	9	Middlesbrough	31	Oldham	4	Notts County	13
Stoke	49	Norwich	31	Bristol City	115	Yeovil (cup)	4	Bradford	14	Blackburn (cup)	4
West Ham	21	Wigan (cup)	9	Bolton	13	Cardiff	59	Plymouth	4	Newport	13
Man City (cup)	21	Brentford	9	Bournemouth (cup)	9	Millwall	115	Peterborough	4	Port Vale	59
Watford	21	Middlesbrough	31	Reading	31	Bristol City	115	Charlton	4	Carlisle	4
Man City	21	Middlesbrough (cup)	9	Preston	84	Bristol Rovers (cup)	31	Coventry (cup)	4	Exeter	13
Chelsea	49	Forest	84	Sheffield Wed	59	Barnsley	31	Shrewsbury	14	Crewe	4
Newcastle	21	Bolton	59	Cardiff	59	Villa	165	Blackpool	4	Forest Green	4
Palace	21	Fulham	31	Villa	457	Preston	59	Southend	4	Colchester	4
Man Utd	49	Sheffield Wed	84	Brentford	9	Fulham	4	Gillingham	4	Maidenhead (cup)	4
Everton	21	Sunderland	31	Forest	84	Leeds	84	Fleetwood	4	Mansfield	13
Arsenal	21	Ipswich	9	Wolves	144	Bolton	31	Scunthorpe	4	Crawley	4
Brighton	21	Millwall	144	QPR	84	Sunderland	31	Bristol Rovers	4	Boreham Wood (cup)	4

		Sheffield Utd	115	Norwich	31	Ipswich	4	Rotherham	4	Cheltenham	4
		Bristol City	84	Leeds	169	Brentford	4	Oxford	14	Wycombe	4
		Peterborough (cup)	84	Burton (cup)	9	Swansea (cup)	31			Chesterfield	4
		Barnsley	59	Derby	84	Forest	59			Stoke (cup)	31
		Burton	9	Sunderland	31					Swindon	4
										Cambridge	4