

9th March 2011

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Dear Mr. Burns,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act request of 24th February 2011.

We are not in a position to be able to release the documents which you have requested relating to the circumstances of Mr. Hamilton leaving the employ of the Trust.

Such information is considered to be personal data and the Trust does not have the permission of Mr. Hamilton to disclose such information to any third party.

To do so without permission would render the Trust to be in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Yours sincerely



Melanie Kettle

Information Access Officer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Paul P Burns](#)
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Paul

Thanks for making things clear. I have never met this person Hamilton but have heard bad reports about his approach to matters. This is what you get for allowing "outside" people with no knowledge of the fire service and its fine traditions to come "inside" and undertake practices that you would find in a Dickens novel.

What I cannot understand though is why Holland and Wilkinson have allowed this to happen in the first place because Hamilton could not have undertook such a draconian measure without getting Holland's permission who in turn would have informed Wilkinson. It beggars belief that the Chairman of the Fire Authority is the same guy I stood shoulder to shoulder with on that cold, wet, windy Monday morning in 1977 on the picket line at Blackburn. He fought strongly for the rights of all firemen then and should do so now. Holland is a CFO who has forgotten his roots.

Unfortunately we have an environment at brigade level where it not interested in the people that matter only on doing a job.

How times have changed

Keep up the good work

Regards

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