

Manchester are housed. I was aware that we would have a number of resources on scene immediately.

So for me very much at this level in the organisation it was about trying to understand what it was we were facing and how best we could cope with it. So the immediate live time actions in and around giving those authorities for James to start to go and try and get as many of those resources to the scene as he possibly could. And also aware that as soon as I'd finished the conversation with them I would then have to have a conversation and brief upwards.

So phone calls in to Superintendent Eddie Whiley who owns the geographic area that we were supporting, phone calls into Chief Superintendent Alan Gregory who is the Divisional Commander. And then to check as well that obviously those messages have been passed up and beyond towards whoever the senior chief officer group member was that would be on duty that night.

INTERVIEWER: And then from that initial first call you're obviously making calls but I think I understand that you were probably almost on the move by the point you were starting to make the calls. So can you just tell me I guess how the next hour played out for you?

KYLE GORDON: Yeah, so as soon as I'd finished the phone call with Inspector Merchant I immediately came off and started to make arrangements to travel back in towards Manchester. I was aware that even if I wasn't ultimately needed at least with it being an hour and a half travel from Blackpool into Manchester at least I would have some part of the journey done whilst that decision was being made. So that allowed me to get to the scene as quickly as possible.