



REQUEST	16856
<p>Since the 1st of august 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) driver licenses you have granted.2. The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) driver licenses you have granted.3. The number of taxi licences granted to drivers with criminal convictions.4. The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions.5. In the cases of those with convictions in relation to Question 3 and Question 4:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. The nature and date of conviction.ii. Whether said driver's conviction was known at the time of the licence being approved.iii. In each case, the current licence status of the driver.6. The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction.7. How many times have you checked the national database on driver revocations/refusals?8. How many have had licenses removed due to that?	
<p>RESPONSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 34 New Applications and 44 Renewal Application Received2. 287 New Applications and 327 Renewal Application Received3. Information Unavailable (the information is not recorded in a way that allows a reportable figure) *4. Information Unavailable (the information is not recorded in a way that allows a reportable figure) *5. Information Unavailable (the information is not recorded in a way that allows a reportable figure) *6. https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/RelevanceofConvictions.pdf7. This database is checked following receipt of every driver application that is accepted as a valid application.8. None.	

* We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the “appropriate limit”). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

It is estimated that checking each record would take a minimum of 10-15 minutes. The calculation is based on checking 692 different records which would exceed the 18-hour limit.