



Reference: RFI 1708007

Request:

Since 1st August 2015:

1. The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) licenses you have Granted

385

2. The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) licenses you have granted.

2286

3. The number of taxi licences granted to drivers with criminal convictions =

The information requested above is not held electronically. In order to extract the information requested, the driver paper files would need to be searched. There are currently approximately 1282 licensed drivers in total. Each file will take approximately 10 minutes to locate and examine. Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

4. The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions =

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In the cases of those convicted:

3.i. The nature and date of conviction

See response to Q.3

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3.ii. Whether said driver's conviction was known at the time of the licence being Approved

See response to Q.3

3.iii. In each case, the current licence status of the driver

See response to Q.3

4. The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction

Please see North Tyneside's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy at :

<http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/931/hackney-carriage-and-private-hire-licensing-policy> - specifically chapter 7

I would like the above information to be provided to me in electronic format.