

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Throughout the whole of 2012 and 2013 to date, how many vehicles were approached by your enforcement officers (or their agents) within your local authority boundary in respect of PLYING FOR HIRE TEST PURCHASES (where officers or their agents attempted to hire vehicles from the street which were not licensed by your authority to ply for hire under the 1847 Town Police Clauses Act).

Of those approached:

- 1. how many were licensed private hire vehicles; and**

ANSWER

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 2. how many were hackney carriages not licensed by your authority; and**

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 3. for each vehicle from item 1 above provide details of the licensing authority that licensed the vehicle; and**

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this part of this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 4. for each vehicle from item 2 above provide details of the licensing authority that licensed the vehicle; and**

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

5. for item 1 & 2 which ones resulted in a successful prosecution or a simple caution for the driver?

There was one successful prosecution which related to a private hire vehicle licensed by us.

Please note for item 1 above the results should include details of vehicles from your own authority that were test purchased

As an explanation of the above responses, private hire vehicles and hackney carriages not licensed to ply for hire in Leicester are routinely challenged on a planned and an ad-hoc basis. However, where the driver does not accept the journey, this is not recorded - records are only made of those instances where an offence is committed.

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**Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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**Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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