

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Enforcement Officers for Touting

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

You asked:

- 1. Can you please confirm how many Enforcement Officers does the Council employ for Taxi Touting. Could you please provide these figures for the last five years on an yearly basics.**

By 'touting', it is referring to the offence of 'flimping', which is unlawful plying for hire (acting as a hackney carriage) by the drivers of private hire vehicles.

LCC has five Licensing Enforcement Officers, all of whom deal with flimping and other enforcement matters. All five officers have been employed in this capacity for more than five years.

- 2. Could you also please provide the number of Taxi Drivers and Private Hire Drivers licences that have been issued by the Council over the last five years. Could you please break these figures down on a yearly basics.**

LCC issues joint hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver's licences and there are currently 1,797 such licences issued.

I confirm that I cannot provide the figures for the last five years as such information is not retained. Therefore, this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with this section of the Act, this information is not held.

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**Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council**

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

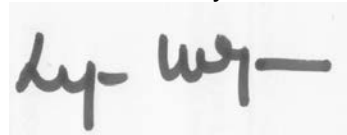
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth

Information Governance Manager