

Response to Request for Information

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Hackney Carriage License

Request:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act from the Council. I would like to know:

- i. The number of applications received from October 2015 to October 2016 for a hackney carriage license?
[108 applications for a hackney carriage driver license received during this period.](#)
- ii. The number of applications received from October 2015 to October 2016 for a private hire license?
[3583 applications for a private hire driver license received during this period.](#)
- iii. The number of new hackney carriage licenses issued from October 2015 to October 2016?
[7 new hackney carriage driver licenses was issued during this period.](#)
- iv. The number of new private hire licenses issued from October 2015 to October 2016?
[2832 new private hire driver licenses was issued during this period.](#)
- v. The number of enhanced criminal records checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) carried out on hackney carriage license applicants from October 2015 to October 2016?
[Every hackney carriage driver license application has an enhanced criminal record check on application and again every three years on renewal.](#)
- vi. The number of enhanced criminal records checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) carried out on private hire license applicants from October 2015 to October 2016?
[Every private hire driver license application has an enhanced criminal records check on application and again every three years on renewal](#)
- vii. The number of hackney carriage license applicants from October 2015 to October 2016 refused a license after enhanced criminal records checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)?
[0 \(zero\)](#)

- viii. The number of private hire license applicants from October 2015 to October 2016 refused a license after enhanced criminal records checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)?
35 were refused following checks including DBS, motoring convictions, complaints or other intelligence.
- ix. The number of hackney carriage licenses revoked due to a criminal conviction from October 2015 to October 2016?
0 (zero)
- x. The number of private hire licenses revoked due to a criminal conviction from October 2015 to October 2016?
The database only records that Licences are revoked and not the individual reason for the revocation. 11 private hire licences were revoked. This could be for many reasons including DBS, motoring convictions, complaints, breaching conditions, or other intelligence.
- xi. The number of public complaints received regarding private hire and hackney carriage licensees from October 2015 to October 2016?
73 complaints were received from the public.