

Response to Request for Information

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Disabled Blue Badge

Request:

My freedom of information request concerns the number of blue badge approvals each year since 2010? I am willing to take the past five years if that is easier.

See questions below

1. How many residents have a blue badge in your local authority?
Total 'individual' badges on issue – 9,408
Total 'organisational' badges on issue – 85

As at 17 January 2018
2. How many new disabled blue badge applications have you received and approved each year since 2010-2017?
2010 – no data
2011 – no data
2012 – 929
2013 – 774
2014 – 1004
2015 – 1791
2016 – 1015
2017 – 1283
3. How many new disabled blue badge applications have you received and rejected each year since 2010-2017?
2010 – no data
2011 – no data
2012 – 75
2013 – 138
2014 – 44
2015 – 5
2016 – 47
2017 – 37
4. How many disabled blue badge application renewals have you received and approved each year since 2010-2017?
2010 – no data

2011 – no data
2012 – 2523
2013 – 2373
2014 – 2135
2015 – 2358
2016 – 2015
2017 – 1741

5. How many disabled blue badge application renewals have you received and rejected each year since 2010-2017?

We do not record 'renewals' within our Blue Badge system; under DFT (Department for Transport) guidance each badge application is treated as a new application. We do send reminder letters to badge holders to advise them of expiry and right to reapply.

6. What were the main reasons for rejections in each year?

- Did not meet the automatic criteria (and had not provided information to be reviewed under discretionary criteria)
- Did not score in areas of desk based assessment which indicated sufficient evidence of a mobility issue
- At mobility clinic, declined due to there being evidence the applicant could walk independently to the required duration / distance.
- Did not meet the correct level of points within the 'Moving Around' criteria of Personal Independence Payment (a score of 8 points or more under the 'moving around' activity of the mobility component)