

Section 43 Public Interest Test

| <i>Factors for disclosure</i> | <i>Factors for withholding</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disclosure would give transparency to the information being held by us.• Industry stakeholders may have some level of interest in the information. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DVSA believes that there is no general public interest in this information.• This information could be used in conjunction with other information which is already publicly available to build up a picture of providers' financial positions and capabilities.• Disclosure of this information risks the commercial interests of providers being compromised and their commercial interests damaged as a result. Disclosure of privately owned providers' information would also place DVSA in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.• Any such damage would likely negatively affect our relationship with providers. |
| <i>Reasons why public interest favours withholding information</i> | |
| <p>In this instance, the factors for applying the exemption outweigh the factors for disclosing the information. Release of the requested information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of providers which in turn would damage our relationship with them. Release of privately owned providers' information would also place DVSA in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. These factors considered along with the lack of a general public interest means disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.</p> | |