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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ04278

Thank you for your request for information relating to hackney carriage licences and convictions –

Can you please answer the following:

1) How many Hackney Carriage Licences are there currently issued in Coventry.

1196 licensed hackney carriage drivers
851 licensed hackney carriage vehicles that are active.

2) How many private hire taxi licenses are currently issued in Coventry and convictions

296 licensed private hire drivers.
204 licensed private hire vehicles.

3) How many convictions have been disclosed to the council from all licensed drivers operating under private hire license.

4) How many convictions have been disclosed to the council from all licensed drivers operating under hackney carriage license.

5) Please provide a list of the total number of different offences that have been declared to the council by both private hire and hackney carriage license holders.

With regard to question 3-5, Section 12 of the FOI Act allows public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for a local authority is set at £450 or 18 hours for one person.

We hold the information which you have asked for but we cannot provide the criminal conviction data or nature/date of conviction without manually going through all the driver's files, numbering 1457, as it is not held in a reportable format and estimate it would take one person more than 18 hours to locate, retrieve and extract the required information.

To advise and assist, our guidelines to convictions are available online in our Driver Information Document at:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/25/taxi_and_minicab_licensing/746/taxi_licensing_-_new_applicants%20%20pages%20to%2026 (pages 20 to 26.)

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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