



Edward Williams

Dear Mr Williams

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 13 December requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

could you please provide any information which defines a traffic warrant?

**ANNEX A
PART 1 OF 4
PERMITTED PURPOSE(S)
MARSTON (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
N464**

The release of information from DVLA's vehicle records is governed by Regulation 27 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002, as amended.

Regulation 27 (1) (a) provides that the Secretary of State may make particulars contained in the vehicle register available to authorised organisations for any purpose connected with the investigation of an offence,

or a decriminalised parking contravention.

All requests for information submitted via the ELISE KADOE Service may

only be made for the following purpose(s):

Traffic Warrants

(i) Traffic Warrants issued from the county court

The recorded information held by the DVLA which falls within the scope of your request is as follows:

An enquiry can be made to identify the current registered vehicle keeper; when a traffic warrant of control for an unpaid penalty charge notice or excess charge notice has been issued by the county court and the certificated enforcement agent is authorised by the local authority to enforce the traffic warrant of control and trace the debtor on their behalf to recover money owed. This is to determine if the vehicle belongs to the debtor named on the traffic warrant of control before they pursue the outstanding debt and seize the vehicle.

Can you confirm that this falls under reasonable cause and if so do you check for this before release?

This question is not considered as a request for recorded information under the provisions of the FOIA. However, outside the FOIA, I can advise that the release of registered keeper details to Marston Holdings Ltd would fall under the reasonable cause provision. However, as explained in our reply to one of your previous requests, under ref FOIR9110, no registered keeper details have been requested by or provided to Marston Holdings Ltd.

We have also explained on numerous occasions how the process works where an organisation, such as Marston Holdings Ltd, makes a large number of standardised requests, with identical circumstances, so you will be well aware of this by now.

Do enforcement agents need to be a member of an approved trade association before you allow electronic access?

This question is also not considered a request for recorded information, under the provisions of the FOIA. However, again and outside the FOIA, I can advise that enforcement agents are not required to be a member of an Accredited Trade Association. They must comply with the national standards issued by the Ministry of Justice, published on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

The information which follows concerns the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'R. Toft', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Robert Toft
Head of Data Protection Policy & Freedom of Information Team

Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either foi@dvla.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DPP/FOI, C2W, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you have the option to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO's offices are currently all closed, but you can contact them on this link - <http://ow.ly/oWiW50yU9Xb>