

RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

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Dear Mr Reid,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 4084/12

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on the 23rd July 2012, which was as follows:-

Can you please tell me the number of sexual assaults and rapes, reported in your area, in the last twelve months, which appear to be Taxi and Private hire car related?

Your request has now been considered and the information you are seeking can be found below:-

The crime recording system was searched for the date range 01/07/2011 - 30/06/2012 for all rape and sexual assault offences. The results were then limited to those offences where the word 'taxi' was contained within the free-text modus operandi (MO) field. The returned results were then manually audited to ensure their relevance to your enquiry.

This resulted in a total of eleven relevant offences.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Data Protection and Information Officer, Corporate Support and Information Services – Information Compliance & Disclosure Section, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Bryony Hopkinson
Freedom of Information Disclosure Officer