

Date: 04 September 2017

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Our Ref: 170752/F18
Email: foi@blackpool.gov.uk

Dear Ms Thomas

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I am writing to inform you that your request for information will not be processed. This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate limit' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In accordance with s.17 of the Act this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

There are approximately 1200 entries on the list of drivers and this would need to be cross-referenced with the sex offenders register (if accessible to us). 1200 entries at approximately 2 minutes per entry = approximately 40 hours work.

Any driver with a conviction for a sexual offence no matter how historic goes before the Public Protection Committee before the licence is granted.

When drivers renew their licences as well as new grants the applications are also sent to the Child Protection Licensing Officer for comments (they have access to Local Authority safeguarding information.) The process on renewal or new application is, a copy of an enhanced DBS check is sent to the Local Authority, this lists any convictions, it does not indicate whether the conviction qualifies them to be on the sex offenders register.

Policy information is on our website - <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Business/Licensing-and-permits/Licensing.aspx>

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the cost to within the appropriate limit. For example, agreeing to a shorter time period or reducing the number of questions in your request. Please contact me if you would like advice on how to do this.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request you may ask for an internal review and you should submit this in writing to: FOI Internal Review, Blackpool Council, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA.

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Your request for internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. You can contact the Information Commissioner at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, (www.ico.org.uk).

If you have any queries about this letter you can contact me, or write to: FOI, PO Box 4, Blackpool, FY1 1NA, or email us at FOI@blackpool.gov.uk. Please remember to quote your reference number when you contact us.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team

