



Selina Powell

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Website: www.gov.uk/browse/driving

Your Ref:
Our Ref: FOIR6036

Date: 24 May 2017

Dear Ms Powell

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail of 28 April requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

The number of UK motorists who had their licences revoked because of poor vision for the years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016?

The charts below provide the total number of Group 1 (car/motorcycle) and Group 2 (bus/lorry) licences revoked or applications for a driving licence refused by DVLA due to their eyesight not meeting the required standards from 2012 to 2016, with a breakdown of the individual years.

Group 1 Drivers				
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
6,960	8,343	9,074	9,050	9,092

Group 2 Drivers				
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
893	2,112	1,306	1,130	1,298

Please note that there may be a number of Group 2 drivers who would have also received the same decision on their Group 1 licences, and may be duplicated within the figures.

In addition, as the medical standards for Group 2 licensing are higher than that for Group 1, there will be a number of drivers who have been refused Group 2 entitlement but who have been granted Group 1 entitlement.

Could you also please let me know the number of motorists who have been prosecuted in the previously mentioned years because they did not meet the standards of vision for driving?

This information is not held. The decision whether to take legal action rests with the relevant prosecuting authority such as the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in England and Wales or Crown Office in Scotland.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Toft', enclosed within a rectangular box.

Robert Toft
Head of Data Sharing 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.gsi.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DSPG/FOI, D16, 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 can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/> Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.