

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 18 December requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:-

How many people hold licences in the UK?

DVLA hold details of driving licence holders in Great Britain only. As of 30 September 2014, there were 45.5 million active driving records in GB.

How many licences are surrendered for medical reasons in the last 12 month?

The number of drivers who voluntarily surrendered their licence over the last 12 months up to and including December 2014 was 29,950.

How many drivers have had their licences suspended by the DVLA over the last 12 month?

The number of drivers who have had their licence revoked/refused over the last 12 months up to and including December 2014 was 48,941

How many Road Traffic Collisions have been attributed to medically unfit drivers in the last 12 month?

DVLA does not hold statistics on the number of Road Traffic Collisions that have been attributed to medically unfit drivers in the last 12 months. DVLA receives approximately 5,712 police notifications every year. In order to determine how many police notifications contain details of the driver being involved in an accident, each case would need to be accessed to extract this information. We estimate this to exceed £600. Under Section 12 of the FOI Act, DVLA is not obliged to comply with a request where the estimated cost of determining, locating, retrieving and/or extracting the information exceeds £600. As it is the DVLA's policy not to respond to

requests for information that would exceed the appropriate cost limit, I am afraid that the information will not be supplied to you.

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

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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: www.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.