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Your Ref:  
Our Ref: FOIR4426

Date: 23 February 2015

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 January requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

**Please could you tell me the current top twenty points holders, gender, location (postcode) and reasons for the points.**

DVLA's drivers database changes constantly as the Agency receives driving licence applications and other information that updates the records of individual drivers. Therefore, it is possible only to provide a snapshot of the state of the record at the time of any request. It should be noted that there can be a delay between the notification of penalty points and of the sentence imposed by the Court. These can update the driver record separately.

The attached spreadsheet provides the information you have requested. It gives the current top twenty penalty point holders, by gender, partial postcode and number of points held and an explanation of the enforcement codes. These figures reflect the position as at 31 January 2015.

Whilst DVLA maintains a record of all GB fixed penalties and Court ordered endorsements, the Agency has no responsibility or influence on Court imposed sentences.

In England and Wales, the Magistrates' Courts Sentencing Guidelines produced by the Sentencing Council provide a framework setting out how to establish the seriousness of each case and the most appropriate way of dealing with it. This helps the Magistrates Courts ensure that any penalty reflects the seriousness of the offence and the personal circumstances of the offender.

In Scotland, Sentencers determine each case on its merits and give full consideration to the most appropriate way of dealing with it. The penalty imposed

reflects the seriousness of the offence and the personal circumstances of the offender.

In a small percentage of cases where the driver has accumulated 12 or more penalty points, the Agency understands that a Court can exercise its discretion and not disqualify the driver. In the majority of these cases, Magistrates' or Sentencers may have decided to allow drivers to retain their entitlement to drive where it is considered that disqualification would cause exceptional hardship.

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 black ink, appearing to be 'Robert Toft', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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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](mailto: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](http://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.