



Dear

### **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 23 October requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

**Can you please supply data showing the volumes of drug driving convictions by quarter from say the start of year 2000 or from the date that records exist for drug driving convictions up to the day when you collate the figures.**

**And then can you also please supply data by month since January 2015 again showing the volume of drug driving convictions.**

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. Also, convictions are removed from the driver records when they are no longer valid.

The information DVLA holds is provided in the attached Excel spreadsheet. It gives the number of drug related driving offences recorded on the drivers database quarterly from 2011 to 2015. A further breakdown of drug related driving offences in 2015 by month is also included and reflects the position as at 10 October 2015.

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](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: <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.