

## Annex A

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**1) a) The number of learner drivers that have taken their car theory test more than 10 times at the Sheffield theory test centre between September 2004 and 31 August 2012 who live in each of the following postcodes S1 to S14 (each of these postcodes not a combined figure), S17, S20, S21, S25, S26, S35 and S36?**

**b) Please also supply the age of the candidate, how many times they have failed their car theory test, their gender**

**2) a) The number of learner drivers that have taken their car theory test more than 10 times at Carlisle theory test centre between September 2004 and 31 August 2012 who live in each of the following postcodes CA1 to CA28 (each of these postcodes not a combined figure) and CA95**

**b) Please also supply the age of the candidate, how many times they have failed their car theory test and their gender**

Please find attached at Annex B, details of candidates who have taken their theory test more than 10 times at either the Sheffield or Carlisle test centres and live in one of the postcode areas above.

**2) a) The number of learner drivers that have attempted their car practical test more than 10 times at Sheffield's Acres Hill Business Park and Middleswood Road test centres between April 2004 and August 2012 who live in each of the following postcodes S1 to S14 (each of these postcodes not a combined figure), S17, S20, S21, S25, S26, S35 and S36?**

**b) Please also supply the age of the candidate, how many times they have failed their car practical test and their gender**

**3) a) The number of learner drivers that have attempted their car practical test more than 10 times at Carlisle's Port Road Business Park test centre between April 2004 and August 2012 who live in each of the following postcodes CA1 to CA28 (each of these postcodes not a combined figure) and CA95**

**b) Please also supply the age of the candidate, how many times they have failed their car practical test and their gender**

Please find attached at Annex C, details of candidates who have taken their practical test more than 10 times at either of the Sheffield or Carlisle test centres and their age and gender. The practical test result database is separate from that which holds details of the candidate postcode. To establish their postcode, we would have to manually check each candidate that has taken more than 10 attempts. This information is exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. A copy of this exemption in full is attached at Annex D.

The appropriate limit, as prescribed by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, is £600 for Central Government and £450 for other public authorities, with staff costs calculated at a rate of £25 per hour. When calculating whether the appropriate limit is exceeded, authorities can take account of the costs of determining whether the information is held, locating and retrieving the

information, and extracting the information from other documents. They cannot take account of the costs involved with considering whether information is exempt under the Act.

371 candidates took their practical test more than 10 times and it has been estimated that it would take 3 minutes to check each record to establish postcodes. This equates to 18.5 hours to do this check. Additionally we would have to write and quality assure a report to extract driver numbers from our reporting database and it has been estimated that this would take 3-4 hours. To date, we have spent around 6 hours extracting and compiling the information at Annex C and when this is combined with the additional time to provide postcode details, it exceeds the 24 hour limit of cost of compliance.

If you were to limit your request to details of the top ten candidates that took the most attempts to pass their practical test at the three test centres, we will be happy to consider your request further.

**4) Could you provide me with the number of theory tests conducted and passed in Sheffield and Carlisle in 2010/11 and 2011/12**

**5) Could you provide me with the number of practical tests conducted and passed in Sheffield and Carlisle in 2010/11?**

We publish information by test centre about practical and theory tests conducted and passed at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-operational-statistics/>. This information is therefore exempt under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of FoIA. A copy of this exemption in full is attached at Annex E.

**6) Could you provide me with the number of suspected identity fraud or 'candidate impersonation' cases at the theory test in Sheffield and Carlisle in 2010/11 and 2011/12 years?**

The table below shows the requested information.

Theory Test Centre	Year and number of reported candidate impersonations	
	2010/11	2011/12
Carlisle	0	1
Sheffield	4	6

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