

1. I would like to know how many driving tests at Bradford's Heaton and Thornbury test centres have been cancelled due to suspected driving test fraud over the last five years where information is available.

2. How many prosecutions were made during the same period? Ideally it would be good if this information could be broken down to each test centre and, if possible, the reasons for suspecting driving test fraud (i.e. person claiming to be someone else).

Since October 2009, 3 candidates have been turned away from their practical test at the Bradford Heaton test centre. We have no reports of candidates being turned away from the Bradford Thornbury test centre since October 2009.

Our records show that no prosecutions have been brought as a result of suspected driving test fraud at either of the test centres mentioned above since October 2009.

It is estimated that to extract and compile details of cases where candidates were turned away at the Bradford Heaton and Thornbury test centres before October 2009 and whether there were any associated prosecutions would take in excess of 24 working hours. This information is exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex B.

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