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### **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 July requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked: **Please could you provide the current number of provisional licence holders in Great Britain by age and partial postcode (as in FOIR2158 released in 2010)**

The attached spreadsheet provides the number of provisional licence holders in Great Britain by age and partial postcode. This reflects the position as at 15 July 2012.

The presence of valid driving entitlement does not necessarily mean that all the individuals listed are actively learning to drive. Please also note that certain driving licences in certain categories (e.g. moped) can be issued to fifteen year old applicants up to two months before their sixteenth birthday. The provisional driving entitlement conveyed by such licences will not commence until the driver turns sixteen.

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Yours sincerely

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