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## **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 December requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

### **How many people in the UK hold a current full UK driving licence? Please provide figures by gender and age?**

The DVLA holds information on driving licences for Great Britain (GB) only. Northern Ireland maintains separate databases for both driver and vehicle records.

The information in the attached spreadsheet provides the number of full licence holders in GB broken down by age and gender. This information reflects the position as at 31 December 2011. You will notice a number of licence holders over the age of 100 but that does not necessarily mean that they still drive.

### **How many registered vehicles are there in the UK?**

The number of registered vehicles in GB as at 30 September 2011 was 34,472,300.

### **How many holders of a full UK driving licence currently have penalty points on their licence? Please provide figures by gender and age?**

The information in the attached spreadsheet provides the number of full licence holders with current penalty points on their driving licence broken down by age and gender. This information reflects the position as at 31 December 2011.

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Yours sincerely

Head of Data Sharing Policy & Freedom of Information Team

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