



Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 30 December requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

Since 1st August 2011, you have required people applying / renewing etc Driving Licences to answer a question regarding whether they wish to become an organ donor with one of the following responses:

Yes, I would like to register;

I do not want to answer this question now; or

I am already registered on the organ donor register.

Please could you provide the number of responses for each of the above answers since 1st August 2011?

Please note the above questions are only asked on the on-line application service. The standard D1 application for postal applications only asks whether the applicant wants to register their details with the NHS Organ Donor Register.

The figures below only apply to on line applications from 1 August 2011 to 1 December 2013 when the wording was revised to remove the statement "I am already registered on the Organ Donor Register".

870,435 applicants have declared that they are already registered.

3,731,818 applicants have declared that they do not wish to register

818,055 applicants have registered.

From 1 December 2013 to 4 January 2014, 35,657 applicants have registered and 106,027 have declared that they do not wish to register and have been provided with a link to the NHS Organ Donor website.

In addition, please could you state what (if anything) gets put on a person's Driving Licence for each of the above.

A marker is set on the driving licence holder's record to show they are registered as an organ donor. Any driving licences issued to customers registered as organ donors will contain the Information Code 115, which can be found on the back of the photo card.

Since 1 August 2011, 853,712 drivers have had the organ donor register marker set on their record/driving licence. This reflects the position as at 4 January 2014.

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Yours sincerely

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