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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your letter of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 requesting information, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for details of PSV Operator Licences issued in the North West Traffic Area which are recorded as being "Not Valid" from April 2010 to date.

I can confirm that VOSA does hold this information. However, the Agency considers that this information is exempt from release by virtue of Section 21 – (Information accessible to applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The relevant section of the act is copied below;

### **Section 21**

- (1) Information is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) –
  - a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is only accessible on payment*
  - b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.**
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.*

This information is required to be published as part of the Operator Licencing process, and is produced, by Traffic Area, every fortnight in Notices and Proceedings. This publication can either be purchased from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner or viewed on the website as part of the Traffic Commissioner's publication scheme at

[http://www.tan.gov.uk/tanen/VOSA\\_AnonymousPublicationSearch\\_New.asp](http://www.tan.gov.uk/tanen/VOSA_AnonymousPublicationSearch_New.asp)

Details are also available via the anonymous operator search facility on our website, which can be found at

[http://www.tan.gov.uk/tanen/VOSA\\_AnonymousOperatorSearch\\_New.asp](http://www.tan.gov.uk/tanen/VOSA_AnonymousOperatorSearch_New.asp).

I note from your letter of 29 November 2010 that you are aware of the website availability of this information.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0003062**.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,  
Berkeley House,  
Croydon Street,  
Bristol,  
BS5 0DA

or email [vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk)

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner ([www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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