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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 for information about taxi licenses. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Question 1:** The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) driver licenses you have granted.

**Response:** Dual driver licences issued – New 121 / Renewals 237

**Question 2:** The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) driver licenses you have granted.

**Response:** Private hire driver licences issued – New 245 / Renewals 202

**Question 3:** The number of taxi licences granted to drivers with criminal convictions.

**Response:** City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information. DBS certificates are only retained for the purpose of making a determination about whether a licence should be granted and are not kept or recorded once a determination has been made.

**Question 4:** The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions.

**Response:** As above, City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information. DBS certificates are only retained for the purpose of making a determination about whether a licence should be granted and are not kept or recorded once a determination has been made.

**Question 5:** In the cases of those with convictions in relation to Question 3 and Question 4:

- i. The nature and date of conviction.
- ii. Whether said driver's conviction was known at the time of the licence being approved.
- iii. In each case, the current licence status of the driver.

**Response:** As above, City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information. DBS certificates are only retained for the purpose of making a determination about whether a licence should be granted and are not kept or recorded once a determination has been made.

**Question 6:** The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction.

**Response:** Convictions are compared to Appendix 2 of City of Doncaster Council's taxi policy, which can be found at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/business-investment/doncaster-taxi-and-private-hire-licensing-policy-2>

**Question 7:** How many times have you checked the national database on driver revocations/refusals?

**Response:** City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information as we do not record the number of times we check the national database on driver revocations/refusals. The database is checked before each new grant and renewal driver application therefore we can only provide an estimated figure and combining the total of all licences issued since August 2022 we estimate this to be 805 times.

**Question 8:** How many have had licenses removed due to that?

**Response:** City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information, as stated above, NR3 is checked prior to the issue of a new or renewal driver application, if results are found on NR3 it can impact an application at the point of determination. Not all information held on NR3 would lead to a revocation of an active licence.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £147.00 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,  
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**Sent:** 06 August 2024 16:16

**Subject:** FOI on Taxi licensing

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Good afternoon,  
Please may I request the following information under the FOI Act.

Since the 1st of august 2022:

1. The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) driver licenses you have granted.
2. The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) driver licenses you have granted.
3. The number of taxi licences granted to drivers with criminal convictions.
4. The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions.
5. In the cases of those with convictions in relation to Question 3 and Question 4:
  - i. The nature and date of conviction.
  - ii. Whether said driver's conviction was known at the time of the licence being approved.
  - iii. In each case, the current licence status of the driver.
6. The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction.
7. How many times have you checked the national database on driver revocations/refusals?
8. How many have had licenses removed due to that?

Kind regards,

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