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**Request:**

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act.

1. The current number of Blue Badge holders registered in your local authority area.
  - **8367**
2. The current number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area.
  - **North Tyneside Council install two types of disabled parking bays on-street; mandatory bays, which have an associated traffic regulation order and advisory disabled bays, that have no associated traffic regulation order and are therefore not enforceable.**
  - **The number of dedicated disabled parking bays in Council managed public car parks are published on the Council website at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/699/parking-facilities>**
  - **The number of mandatory on-street disabled parking bays are included in the Annual Operational Report, which is published on the Council website at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1421/parking-strategy-policies-and-operational-reports>**
  - **The Council do not maintain a list of the number of advisory disabled bays that have been installed across the borough.**
3. The number of drivers who have received a fine for misusing a Blue Badge parking space in your local authority area, broken down by month for the years 2019 and 2020 to date.
  - **See attached spreadsheet which shows the number of penalty charge notices that have been issued to motorists parked in dedicated disabled bays in on-street and off-street (car parks) without displaying a valid blue badge.**
4. The number of new parking spaces build in your local authority area in the last 12 months, and how many of these were dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces.
  - **The Council do not maintain a list of the volume of parking spaces that have been created in the borough within the past 12 months**
  - **A list of permitted parking spaces i.e. those that have an associated traffic regulation order restricting usage, is available in our Annual Operation Report which is available to view on the Council website**

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at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1421/parking-strategy-policies-and-operational-reports>

**The Annual Operational Report for the period 2019/20 will be published in September in accordance with the Department for Transport's Guidance.**

5. The number of Blue Badge applications received under the 'hidden disability' criteria in the past 12 months.

- **253**

If limited by time constraints, please prioritise in order of Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5.

If possible, it would be really appreciated if you're able to point me in the direction of your current Blue Badge eligibility guidelines as well please.

- <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/158/disabled-parking-blue-badges>

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