



Reference: FOI-351

**Request:**

For the following calendar years:

1st January - 31st December 2013

1st January - 31st December 2014

1st January - 31st December 2015

1st January - 31st December 2016

1st January - 31st December 2017

1st January - 31st December 2018

1st January - 31st December 2019

1st January - 31st December 2020

1st January - 31st December 2021

1st January - current date 2022 (please specify current date when submitting back)

Please may you provide me, broken down by each of the years above, with:

1. The number of fixed penalty charge notices (PCNs) issued for driving violations (not including parking) - for eg (but not restricted to) using a bus lane, or crossing a restricted bridge
2. The locations where the violations took place including the name of the road/junction/bridge etc and which village/town/city etc it is in
3. The violation committed by the driver - e.g. using a bus lane
4. How much the driver was fined
5. Whether the PCN was appealed, the nature of the appeal, and the outcome of the appeal
6. The total amount of revenue generated, in each of the years above, from driving-related (but not parking) PCNs

Where there is a lot of similar data for one location, please group this together - e.g. if 50 drivers have been fined £50 for using the same bus lane and none appealed.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

**Response:**

1. Please see attached pdf.

The penalty charge numbers quoted in the table are the 'notices that have been generated by the 'Notice Processing' software and not the actual number of 'notices that have been sent out to motorists'.

The actual number of penalty charge notices sent out to motorists could only be determined by interrogating each case folder which would take approximately 20 - 30 minutes per folder. To provide this information would result in the information being refused under Section 12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

2. Please see attached pdf.
3. The contravention is 'being in a bus lane'
4. The penalty charge value for being in a bus lane in North Tyneside is £60, discounted to £30 if paid in the discount period.
5. The Council's Notice Processing software does not include a report that provides data on the number of appeals received, the nature of the appeal or the outcome of the appeal. In order to obtain this information, it would take approximately 20 - 30 minutes for an officer to manually check each individual penalty charge notice case folder. Therefore, this part of the request is under Section 12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

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6. The Council cannot break down the income received from bus lane contraventions from the income received from parking contraventions. All the income is received in the same fund stream and includes payments made in this year for penalty charge notices that may have been issued for parking and bus lane contraventions in previous years. In order to obtain this information, it would take approximately 20 - 30 minutes for an officer to manually check each individual penalty charge notice case folder. Therefore, this part of the request is under Section 12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by reducing the time period that you require data for.

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