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REQUEST

From 2013 to the current date, please can you provide a yearly breakdown of the following information?

Number of licenses

1. The number of a) taxi / Hackney Carriage and b) private hire licences issued in your licencing area.

Answer

Hackney Carriage Vehicles = 262

Private Hire Vehicles = 25

(Unfortunately our system cannot breakdown the figures for this question by year, the figures above are the total amounts from 2013 to current date).

Exemption to requirements to carry guide or assistance dogs

2. The number of certificates issued to a) hackney carriage / taxi and b) private hire licensees exempting drivers from carrying guide or assistance dogs

Answer

None

3. In your licensing area, Is a GP's note considered sufficient evidence for the issue of an exemption certificate under S169 and S171 of the Equality Act 2010?

Answer

Yes

Complaints, prosecutions and enforcement action

4. How many complaints or allegations were made against a) hackney carriage / taxi drivers and b) private hire drivers for refusing to carry a guide or assistance dog?

Answer

None

5. How many a) hackney carriage / taxi and b) private hire drivers did you prosecute for refusing a guide or assistance dog in each year and how many of these resulted in conviction?.

Answer

None

6. How many a) hackney carriage / taxi and b) private hire drivers did you take enforcement action against (in each year) for refusing to carry guide or assistance dogs?

Answer

None

7. Do you have a policy in your licensing area whether or not to prosecute drivers believed to have refused guide or assistance dogs? If so, please can you confirm whether you do prosecute where appropriate or whether you have a policy to dispose of cases in any other way.

Answer

No. If a complaint is received our officers will investigate. If the complaint is substantiated then the case is passed to the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee for Members to determine what action if any should be taken.