



22 September 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1089/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

Please provide the following data under the Freedom of Information Act

I am seeking only information relating to PCNs connected with traffic, eg parking, driving in bus lanes etc.

I do not require any information relating to other PCNs for other matters.

1. The number of penalty charge notices issued in each of the following financial years?

2012-13	3150
2013-14	2781
2014-15	1890
2015-16	1767
2016-17	2029

2. For each of the financial years above, the number of appeals against penalty charge notices issued within those years?

Answer: We are unable to provide figures for challenges (in all forms) received by the council over time as cases are live and their statuses change as time progresses. Our historical search tool is unable to produce details of cases that were once flagged as having had challenges or having had challenges rejected.

3. For each of the financial years above, the number of the appeals in question 2 that you accepted/upheld (ie that resulted in the PCN being cancelled)?

Answer:

2012-13	557
2013-14	323
2014-15	159
2015-16	147
2016-17	160

4. For each of the financial years above, the number of the appeals in question 2 that you rejected (ie that resulted in the PCN staying in force)?

Answer: We are unable to provide figures for challenges (in all forms) received by the council over time as cases are live and their statuses change as time progresses. Our historical search tool is unable to produce details of cases that were once flagged as having had challenges or having had challenges rejected.

5. For each of the financial years above, the number of the PCNs in question 1 that you are still chasing for payment?

2012-13	53(0)
2013-14	60(0)
2014-15	60(0)
2015-16	51(20)
2016-17	84(30)

Note: These numbers for the most part reflect cases passed to debt recovery agents. Once passed to them they then ultimately decide when to give up – the figures in brackets indicate an estimate of the potentiality of payment.

6. For each of the financial years above, the number of the PCNs in question 1 that you have written off (ie that remain in force, but which you have given up chasing for payment)?

2012-13	14
2013-14	11
2014-15	12
2015-16	12
2016-17	26

Note: These figures do not include cases which has been given up on by debt recovery agents. Historically about 50% of cases passed to our debt recovery agents (see 5.) will not be paid.

7. For each of the financial years above, the total income from PCNs. Please provide gross figures and separate net figures, if available, once costs have been taken into consideration?

Answer: The total income from PCNs (gross), separate net figures are unavailable as process costs have varied per case and over years:

2012-13	£86,175.92
2013-14	£81,140.17
2014-15	£52,306.61
2015-16	£62,216.18
2016-17	£118,171.60

8. Please state the amount you charge for a PCN and what discount, if any, is applied for early payment and the terms of discount, eg £60, reduced to £30 if paid within two weeks?

Answer: Amount charged for a PCN: £70 or £50 full rate, £35 or £25 respectively discount for early payment within two weeks/

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