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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 844/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request/Response:

I am completing an individual study module over the summer period at the University of York relating to road traffic legislation and changes in driver behaviour. I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information;

1. The number of times the legislation has been enforced by the local authority in relation to the offence of smoking in a private vehicle carrying passengers under the age of 18 since its introduction in October 2015. The two relevant offences are; 'Smoking in a vehicle in which a child was present' and 'Allow smoking in a vehicle with a child'. Note - Both offences are contrary to Regulation 11 (1A) of the smoke-free (exemptions and vehicles) regulations 2007 and the Health Act 2006.

Please can this be broken down (preferably by calendar years 2015-18) into;

- The number of verbal warnings issued through any proactive enforcement by the local authority
- The number of prosecutions associated with these offences.

Answer: Rutland County Council has never issued any verbal warning, through proactive enforcement or otherwise, nor has it prosecuted anyone, for offences of 'smoking in a vehicle in which a child was present' or 'allowing smoking in a vehicle with a child'.

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You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator



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