



My Ref: FOI 6497
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

1. Regulatory Action Where No Walkaround Checks Take Place - Drivers Section 6:13 of the Government's Best Practice Guidance for Taxis and Private Hire states that: 'Drivers should be made aware that they may be subject to sanctions if they are unable to produce this or it is clear that while the form has been completed, the check has not'. Requested Information: What processes do you have in place to identify licensed drivers who fail to undertake a pre-use and what regulatory action is taken against miscreants?

We carry out regular enforcement operations and spot checks of vehicles and drivers to ensure they are carrying out the required daily checks of their vehicle. Failure to do so will result in a written warning being issued to the driver.

2. Spot Checks on Walkaround Check Records What processes do you have in place to check drivers walkaround records?

We carry out regular enforcement operations and spot checks of vehicles and drivers to ensure they are carrying out the required daily checks of their vehicle

3. Regulatory Action – Proprietors Section 6:13 of the Government's Best Practice Guidance for Taxis and Private Hire states that: 'Further sanctions may result against them, as well as vehicle proprietors, if they are found using a defective vehicle, especially if the condition of the vehicle is such that it is obvious no routine checks have occurred over several days' .

Requested Information:

Do enforcement officers in your council who find defective taxi or private hire vehicles request that the proprietor provides evidence of routine checks?

Yes.

Where no evidence is provided are additional sanctions taken against proprietors?

Yes

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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