



My Ref: FOI/ 4846
Your Ref:
Date: 18th September 2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

The Home to school service only transports passengers who are entitled to free transport and therefore the questions below cannot be answered.

Concerning home-to-school transport services involving passengers not entitled to free transport:

1. Exempt Vehicle Usage

**When was the last time a PSVAR-exempt vehicle was used on such services?
Please specify provider, route(s), and date.**

2. Eliminating Exempt Vehicles

What contractual measures or guidance have you implemented to ensure exempt vehicles are no longer used on these particular trips?

3. PSVAR-Compliant Fleet Share

Of the vehicles deployed on these specific non-entitled passenger services, how many (number and percentage) are fully PSVAR-compliant?

How do you ensure that companies providing home to school services have the requisite number and proportion of fully PSVAR compliant vehicles as required from 1st August 2025 depending on their fleet size?

4. Monitoring & Enforcement

How is compliance monitored? What are the consequences or remediation steps if providers fail to meet no-use or compliance obligations?

5. Related Documentation

Please forward any policy documents, guidance, risk assessments, correspondence with providers, or exemption requests related to PSVAR compliance for this category of school transport.

If records are held by contractors on your behalf, please confirm whether they are subject to FOI and how responses would be coordinated. For any refusal or redactions, please cite relevant exemptions and internal review procedures.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Information Requests Team
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Barnsley
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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