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What do they know

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Dear [name redacted]

### **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

#### **Details of Your Request**

*1) Please advise if you have produced, or currently intend to produce, a list of wheelchair accessible:*

*a) taxis*

*and*

*b) private hire vehicles*

*under the powers set out in S167 of the Equality Act 2010.*

*2) Please identify how many a) taxi and b) PHV drivers have applied for medical / physical impairment exemption under S166 of the Equality Act 2010 since S166 was commenced. If you've created a list under S167, please identify how many of the exemptions were in place before S167 and how many have been put in since.*

*3) Please state whether you voluntarily compiled a list of accessible taxis and private hire vehicles following the Department for Transport's guidance of 15th September 2010, which stated, in relation to section 167, "although the list of designated vehicles will have no actual effect in law until the duties are commenced, we would urge licensing authorities to start maintaining a list as soon as possible for the purpose of liaising with the trade and issuing exemption certificates". If you did produce such a voluntary list, please indicate when you did so, and provide the current list.*

*If you have produced a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and/or private hire vehicles under S167, or are going to, please tell me the following.*

*4) The date the list was instated or by which you intend to do so.*

*5) The accessibility requirements of a taxi for it to appear on the list.*

*6) How you intend to enforce drivers' compliance with S165.*

*7) The list.*

**The response to your request as follows:**

- 1. All of our Hackney Carriages are wheelchair accessible and although there is a list on the Councils website I intend this to be made clear that they are wheelchair accessible. There is no requirement for our Private Hire vehicles to be wheelchair accessible at this time**
- 2. We currently have identified four wheelchair exempt drivers however there were some granted exemptions historically. Provisions being made to identify all drivers who hold exemptions to enable a current list to be available**
- 3. All Hackneys are wheelchair exempt but we will look at compiling a current list**
- 4. Not available as yet**
- 5. Not available as yet**
- 6. Not available as yet**
- 7. Not available as yet**

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Yours Sincerely

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