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Dear Sir/ Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ06532

Thank you for your request for information relating to complaints about taxi drivers licensed in Wolverhampton.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- 1. The number of complaints to your authority about taxi drivers licenced in Wolverhampton since 2015? Can you provide the total and each of the years in which someone complained.
- 2. Can you provide details of the complaints? For clarity I do not want copies of the letter just what complaint was made and ideally the exact words used in the complaint letter. If that is impossible just the reasons for complaint will suffice.
- 3. Has your authority complained to Wolverhampton City Council about taxi licencing since 2015 and if so, can I have copies of that correspondence?

UBER private hire vehicles (PHV) are not licensed by Coventry City Council but many work within the City licensed from surrounding Local Authorities such as Wolverhampton.

Regarding the number of complaints, we can confirm that we do not hold this information prior to 2019 and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Until this year any complaints made to Coventry Taxi Licensing Office (CTLO) about UBER drivers were dealt with at source by 'signposting' the complainant(s) to either UBER or the known relevant Licensing Authority.

This year we have logged the complaints and noted the brief circumstances of the incident. During 2019 to date we have received 9 complaints regarding Wolverhampton licensed UBER drivers.

These are broken down as follows:

- 5 (referred to contact Police)
- 2 (driver attitude/behaviour)
- 1 (overcharging)
- 1 (refusal assistance dog).

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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