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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06644**

Thank you for your request for information relating to applications for blue badges.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. The number of applications made to your organisation for a Blue Badge in the 2018-19 financial year and the number (or proportion if number is unavailable) of these applications that were successful and unsuccessful.

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act as we do not record the number of applications made and there are many duplicate applications made for various reasons. The total number of badges issued 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 was 4751. The total number of badges refused in this period was 487 (for all reasons, including duplicate applications and withdrawn applications).

2. The total number of applications made to your organisation for a Blue Badge under the parts of recently-introduced Department for Transport (DfT) Guidance around "non-visible" or "hidden" disabilities such as Autism and Anxiety and the number (or proportion if number is unavailable) of these applications that were successful and unsuccessful.

Where data do not exist for the financial year specified in part 1 above, please provide data for the most recent twelve months that are available. If data is provided that collectively covers both "visible" and "non-visible" disabilities, I request the data to be distinguished if possible. (For example, 100 total applications, of which 16 were for "non-visible" disabilities).

For part 2 above, please only include (if possible) data on those applications that

are new and which have been made on the basis of the newly-included "non-visible" disabilities, for which DfT guidance has been issued this year.

If further break downs of data are present, for example numbers around applications that were sent to independent or external assessors before a final decision, then please include these too providing it requires no substantial additional work to do so. Likewise, if applications went to appeal and the decision was subsequently altered, please include data on this if it is present alongside the data requested in parts 1 or 2 above.

Hidden disability rules went live on 30 August 2019. No applications purely for Hidden Disability existed prior to this date.

For the period 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 5298 badges were issued in total. 1208 were refused, but we do not record the eligibility category for refused badges and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. There were 2412 individual badges issued to new applicants in all categories. Of these 31 were under Hidden Disability.

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Yours faithfully

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