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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI534523672**

Thank you for your request for information relating to blue badge approvals.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many blue badge applications in total did you receive in:**

**1a. 2020 (1st Jan - 31st Dec)?**

5,347

**1b. 2021 (1st Jan - 31st Dec)?**

6,167

**1c. 2022 (1st Jan - 31st Dec)?**

6,833

**2. Of those applications, how many were approved for a blue badge?**

**2a. number of approvals from applications 1a**

4,465

**2b. number of approvals from applications 1b**

5,337

**2c. number of approvals from applications 1c**

5,990

**3. How many blue badge applications did you receive and consider under the new non-visible, 'hidden' disabilities criteria introduced on 30 August 2019 [link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/people-with-hidden-disabilities-can-access-blue-badges-for-the-first-time-from-today>] in:**

**3a. 2020 (1st Jan - 31st Dec)?**

111

**3b. 2021 (1st Jan - 31st Dec)?**

178

**3c. 2022 (1st Jan - 31st Dec)?**

278

**4. Of those applications, how many were approved for a blue badge?**

**4a. number of approvals from applications 3a**

80

**4b. number of approvals from applications 3b**

134

**4c. number of approvals from applications 3c**

199

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