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Taxi Driver Convictions

Ref: EFOI / 6049

Information Request and Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

- a) *The number of drivers currently holding a taxi/PH licence*

Eastbourne currently has 601 Licensed Hackney/Private Hire licences.

- b) *The number of drivers who hold a licence who hold a criminal conviction. Please detail the offence, and the date of the offence. Please detail whether the licence was awarded at original application, or on appeal.*

We are unable to say how many have convictions, as this information is not recorded. If a driver on application or renewal declares a conviction, or this is revealed by a DBS check, this is passed to a Specialist Advisor and is checked against our current policy. If the conviction is spent or not relevant to our policy it is not recorded.

- c) *Please provide the number of drivers who were refused licences due to criminal convictions in 2017. please detail the type of offence, and whether this was a new application or a renewal.*

We have taken two drivers to a Licensing Sub-Committee this year in relation to convictions on application; one of these was granted a licence; the other was refused.