

FOI Reference Number: FOI/113/1920

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Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act:

- 1) Do you have any plans to expand the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area?
- 2) The current number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area
- 3) The current number of Blue Badge holders registered in your local authority area
- 4) The number of drivers who have received a fine for misusing a disabled parking bay in your local authority area (broken down by month for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date)
- 5) The new eligibility criteria for Blue Badge holders in your local authority, following the announcement of the expansion of the scheme to include invisible medical conditions announced in June 2019.

If limited by time constraints, please prioritise in order of Q1, Q2, Q3, etc.

This request was issued on 28th June 2019.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 28/06/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to disabled parking.

Answers to Q1 and Q2 noted in red

- 1) Do you have any plans to expand the number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area?

Additional blue badge parking spaces will be added during the Council's relining process. This is the process whereby any under provision of blue badge parking bays is identified.

- 2) The current number of dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces in your local authority area

Currently 187

Questions 3, 4 & 5 should be directed to the Department for Infrastructure. This Department has responsibility for issuing Blue Badges in Northern Ireland and any supporting policies.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/113/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.