

61347 Emergency Vehicles and Traffic Enforcement

I would like to request the following information.

Please provide this information for the most recent three years available:

The number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued for:

- Bus lane contraventions
- Moving traffic contraventions
- Yellow box junction contraventions
- No entry / restricted access contraventions

The numbers of Bus Lane Charge Notices and LEZ Penalty Charge Notices (comprising all City of Edinburgh Council enforced moving traffic contraventions) can be found on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-tickets/parking-income>

The online Bus Lane data covers the period from last financial year back to 2009/10 and, whilst the LEZ has not yet been in effect for three full years, all current data is online.

We are unable to provide the information requested regarding Yellow Box junction or No Entry/Restricted Access contraventions because it is not held by the Council.

Our Parking Operations service does not hold data in relation to this. Data may be held by Police Scotland.

The number of cases where motorists stated that they entered a bus lane or committed a moving traffic contravention in order to allow an emergency vehicle to pass.

Of those identified in Question 2:

- The number where the PCN was cancelled
- The number where the PCN was upheld
- The number that proceeded to appeal

Of those that proceeded to appeal:

- The number allowed
- The number refused

We are unable to provide the information requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

Please provide any policies, guidance, or internal documentation relating to motorists entering bus lanes or committing moving traffic contraventions in order to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Please confirm whether your authority has any formal or informal policy regarding discretion where motorists enter bus lanes or commit contraventions to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Although we can advise that emergency vehicles are permitted to drive in Bus Lanes, which tend to be less congested than the rest of the carriageway and will often allow for quicker passage, we shall not provide the detailed information requested on this occasion.

Please provide details of any cases where motorists successfully challenged enforcement on the basis of allowing an emergency vehicle to pass.

Although it is unlikely that we would publish such details, the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.