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Dear Mr Davies,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Thank you for your information request of 22 September. You requested the following information:

*What research, if any, DfT has undertaken into possible effects of a graduated driving licensing scheme for young drivers on access to employment, education, training or leisure for young people.*

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

The Department commissioned research from the Transport Research Laboratory entitled Novice Drivers: Evidence Review and Evaluation. The report was published in October 2013 and is available on TRL's web-site at:

<http://www.trl.co.uk/reports-publications/report/?reportid=6844>

The Department also prepared a fact sheet about young drivers, which included an analysis of the purposes for which they drive. This is on Gov.uk at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/306500/young-car-drivers-2012.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306500/young-car-drivers-2012.pdf)

In addition, officials produced a document which sets out the potential costs associated with three mandatory lessons and a minimum learning period. A copy of that document is attached.

Finally, the Department has undertaken some Focus Group research with young drivers, parents and employers. The research includes questions about graduated driver licensing. We intend to publish the research in due course and will alert you when we do so.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) web-site, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



Pippa Brown

## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the 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  
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