

**NCC-044795-20 Trading Standards 'LORRY WATCH**

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act, Please see below and attached.

Dear Notts CC FOI Team

The information requested is as follows -

a) how many 'Lorry Watch' reports (ie about suspected Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) abuse of highways with Environmental Weight Limit restrictions), in electronic, postal or telephone call format, did Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) receive relating to weight restricted roads in and around the Town of Southwell in the 12 month period 2/4/19 to 31/3/20 inclusive, - **77**

b) of the number at a), a breakdown showing how many cases were taken up with the established owners/operators of the vehicles via -

- (i) visit(s) by NCC (or Agent) staff to premises of owners/operators, - **0. We do not visit premises of owners/operators;**

- (ii) through letter(s) sent by NCC (or Agent) by post to owners/operators, - **70**

- (iii) through email(s) sent by NCC (or Agent) to owners/operators, - **0. All correspondence is through letter.**

c) a breakdown explaining -

- (i) any difference between the total number reported (ie response to a)) and the number contacted (ie total produced via responses b (i) - (iii) inc), - **As stated only 70 letters were sent out to owner/operators. The details given for the other 7 reports did not contain the correct VRM so no trace could be made.**

- (ii) how many of those found to be without valid reason for using the restricted route were formally issued with warning letters, - **0 . Of the 70 letters sent out, 61 were for legitimate use and there were 9 letters not responded to.**

- (iii) how many of those found to be without valid reason for using the restricted route were prosecuted or are in the process of being prosecuted, - **0 – see answer to c)(ii)**

d) (i) on how many occasions during this period (2/4/19 - 31/3/20 inc) Notts CC officials and/or authorised Agent(s) carried out HGV monitoring exercises in and around the Town of Southwell (say within a five mile radius centred from Southwell Minster), - **0. No exercises were conducted.**

- (ii) the date, duration(s) (in hours and minutes) and highways patrolled (by classification and/or name eg 'C Unnumbered Upton Road', 'Oxton Road') of each such occasion. For the avoidance of doubt, I request date and duration information to be linked, please, whilst a separate 'random' list of highways patrolled will suffice (thereby safeguarding the Council's previously-claimed need to be able to operate 'covertly' and which, following my last similar FOI request/response and referral to ICO, I chose not to Appeal), - **see answer to d(i)**

- (iii) the results of any such exercise(s) ie total cases of HGVs spotted per occasion, total cases of HGVs overall (ie totalling numbers for each occasion) and the overall total broken down in the terms of b)(i) - (iii) inc and c(i) - (iii) inc above – **see answer to d(i).** and

e) (i) the total number of cases for the County of Nottinghamshire during the period 2/4/19 - 31/3/20 inc ie generated through reporting via the Lorry Watch system plus those identified via Notts CC and/or Agent monitoring exercises, - **See Table Below**

- (ii) how many of these County-wide cases without valid reason for using the restricted route were formally issued with warning letters,- - **See Table Below** and
- (iii) how many of these County-wide cases without valid reason for using the restricted route were prosecuted or are in the process of being prosecuted. - **0**

**01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 EWR Lorry Watch**

	Reported	Not Processed	Underweight	No Trace	Warnings	NFA	No reply	On-going
Apr-19	105	13	1	14	12	49	16	0
May-19	39	0	0	8	5	17	9	0
Jun-19	60	0	3	9	10	24	14	0
Jul-19	75	0	3	8	22	31	11	0
Aug-19	66	0	1	11	17	23	14	0
Sep-19	64	1	2	20	9	17	15	0
Oct-19	42	0	0	6	6	18	12	0
Nov-19	32	0	3	6	11	9	3	0
Dec-19	14	0	0	2	6	5	1	0
Jan-20	16	0	0	2	5	6	3	0
Feb-20	22	0	0	2	6	10	4	0
Mar-20	23	0	0	2	4	8	9	0
Totals	558	14	13	90	113	217	111	0

**Note: 14 Not processed due to road closure / diversion. No trace indicates that the VRM details were invalid. The owner/operators are not under a legal obligation to respond to our letter so the column no reply relates to this. NFA means there was legitimate access.**

**01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 EWR Exercise Totals (Our own Exercises)**

	Reported	Underweight	No Trace	Warnings	NFA	No reply	On-going
Apr-19	12	0	1	6	2	3	0
May-19	49	4	3	9	26	7	0
Jun-19	48	4	6	10	23	5	0
Jul-19	23	1	2	4	10	6	0
Aug-19	43	4	2	10	17	10	0
Sep-19	21	14	1	3	1	2	0
Oct-19	28	2	0	4	19	3	0
Nov-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec-19	34	8	2	6	11	7	0

Jan-20	44	10	5	15	13	1	0
Feb-20	36	12	2	8	10	4	0
Mar-20	6	1	0	0	3	0	0
	344	60	24	75	135	48	0

**Note: Exercises in March affected by Covid-19. See notes from above table.**

We trust this now resolves your enquiry and where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

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You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. un regulated / care / home etc.

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Kind Regards

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