



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your e-mail of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in which you ask for details of MOT test stations within a 10 mile radius of Denbigh (LL16) where an authorised examiner (AE) is involved with the business, highlighting those who are also a nominated tester (NT).

An AE can be a sole trader, partnership or limited company. Therefore, by definition, all authorised examiners (who are sole traders or a partnership) are involved in the business. It is they that hold the authority to carry out MOT testing on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport.

The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) does not have a business need to know the number of test stations within a particular radius of any given point, and I am therefore unable to interrogate the system on this basis. However, it is possible to establish how many are within a specific postcode area. I have therefore completed a search based on the LL16 postcode area.

I can confirm that there are nine testing stations within this area, with all types of AE. Three are limited companies, the remaining six being a mixture of partnerships and sole traders. Of these six, all AE's are nominated testers. None of these garages have given their permission to be released to third parties, and therefore, under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, I am not able to give you details of these.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0001467**.

If you are unhappy with the information supplied, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

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or email [vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk)

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner ([www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

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You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

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Wilmslow,  
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Yours sincerely

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