
Date: 12th January 2006

Our Reference: *****

Your Reference:

Dear *****

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing to confirm that the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) has now completed its search for the information you requested on 5th January 2006 concerning roadside checks and powers to stop vehicles.

The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) selected six forces for the pilot. To make the pilot as representative as possible, they looked for a mix of large and small forces, those with mainly urban or mainly rural areas and those which gave either good or poor support to VOSA. There was also a preference that one Welsh force should be included, and in each case the relevant Chief Constable had to be willing to include his force in the pilot. It turned out that North Wales fitted the various criteria and was therefore included.

The pilot was intended to last for about six months, following which the powers would be rolled out nationally.

The pilot phase was nominally completed at the end of March 2004, and was replaced by a gradual roll-out to all other police forces in England & Wales (except City of London). VOSA now has powers to stop in all other parts of England & Wales except for Dyfed-Powys, and carries out roadside checks country-wide on most weekdays and some weekends.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request from VOSA you may ask for an internal review. You should contact ***** if you wish to complain.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Yours faithfully

VOSA Information Standards