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Thank you for your request concerning vehicles currently owned, leased or hired.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 1. Could you please supply details as at 1 January 2023 of all vehicles currently owned, leased or hired which are designed to carry 8 or more passengers (excluding driver).**

After the fitting of Covid screens we only have 1 vehicle that has above 6 seats excluding the driver.

- 2. Please supply registration number and date (month/year) your authority commenced use of the vehicle.**

We have applied Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), to the full disclosure of fleet registration numbers.

Under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), information that could make the Trust vulnerable to crime is exempt. Section 31(1) is a qualified exemption, which means that it is also subject to a public interest test.

#### **Reasons in favour of disclosure**

We acknowledge public interest in that we wish to be open and transparent. However, we also consider protecting the Trust's interests.

#### **Reasons against disclosure**

We are concerned that if the full registration number of our fleet vehicles is disclosed this information could be used unlawfully for criminal activity and have an adverse impact upon the Trust. Once these details are in the public domain they could be used for vehicle cloning or theft, using false number plates for fuel theft, burglaries/robberies, for the avoidance of paying insurance, tax, toll charges, parking fines or to avoid triggering automatic number plate recognition.

We have therefore concluded that this exemption should apply and that withholding this information serves the public interest better than release.

In addition, it is felt that the safety and confidentiality of our vulnerable service users, who travel in these vehicles, is to be taken into consideration.

However under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we can provide you with the first four digits and make.

HX22 Peugeot Boxer

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

**Sue Smith**  
**Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

