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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1028/24 Speeding offences

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 15th of November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request data on speeding offences within your authority area.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

- *The total number of speeding offences (exceeding speed limit while driving) recorded in each local authority/council area within your jurisdiction, in the time period stated below*
- *Data presented on a monthly basis for the period from: 1st January 2022 to 30th October 2024.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. The Constabulary do not currently record speeding offences by Council area, the speeding offences can be recorded by street, locality or town. To identify the number of speeding offences by council area this would require each location of a ticket to be reviewed and manually categorised into each council area. In 2023 there were 31614 speeding tickets issued, I have therefore estimated that time required to review each record and categorise into each council area will significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request, by virtue of Section 12(1).

In accordance with the duty under Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), I regret to say that on this occasion I am unable to offer you any advice or assistance to help you to refine your request so that the time required would be within the “appropriate limit”.



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Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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