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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 962/24 – Dangerous cycling

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28th October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Where possible, the annual number of reported incidents of dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).*
2. *Where possible, the annual number of cautions, fines or prosecutions given to cyclists for dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).*
3. *Where possible, the annual number of cautions, fines or prosecutions given to cyclists for cycling on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).*

When I refer to pedestrianised areas, I mean areas designated for pedestrians only and areas where access is shared between pedestrians and bikes. This will include footways, footpaths, bridleways, towpaths and any other public right of way.

If you are able to provide specific details about any of the reports, such as where it took place, I would be very grateful.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Question 1

In order to identify relevant information held by the Constabulary for question 1, a keyword searches of the 'incident description', 'opening remarks' and 'closure summary' fields of



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incidents logs have been undertaken, for the date ranges specified in your request, using the following search terms:

'Cycl' AND 'pavement'

'Bike' AND 'pavement'

'Cycl' AND 'pedestr'

'Bike' AND 'pedestr'

The results of the search described above were manually reviewed to determine relevance to your request.

Year	<i>Reported incidents of dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas</i>
2018	9
2019	8
2020	7
2021	5
2022	7
2023	7
2024	7
Total	50

Please note: The keyword search undertaken to locate information provided in response to this question may not have accurately identified all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the description of a relevant incident involving a bicycle recorded within the 'incident description', 'opening remarks' and 'closure summary' fields of incident logs did not contain the keywords which have been used to undertake the search, the search would not identify those incidents. Therefore, whilst the above response is provided in good faith, the information may not accurately reflect the entirety of the information held by the Constabulary.

Question 2

As offences referred to in Question 2 and Question 3 are non-notifiable, information below has been provided from arrest data. Please note that information relating to prosecutions is held by the Courts and not the Constabulary.

Arrests relating to dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas.

Year	Offence Name	Number of Offences	Outcome
2021	Ride a cycle on a road / bridle way / footpath without due care and attention	1	Charged



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Question 3

Below information obtained from arrests relating to cycling on pedestrianised areas

Year	Offence Name	Number of Offences	Outcome
2019	Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath / causeway by the side of a road made / set apart for the use of foot passengers	1	Charged
2021	Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath / causeway by the side of a road made / set apart for the use of foot passengers	1	Charged

Additionally, information relating to cycle offences - Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath / causeway by the side of a road made / set apart for the use of foot passengers which have been dealt with as a fixed penalty is below, which has been obtained from our Central Ticket Office.

Year	Number of Offences
2018	1
2019	1
2020	1
2021	0
2022	1
2023	0
2024	1

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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