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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 214/25 Close passes of cyclists

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 13th of February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many individual cycle/dashcam video footages showing close passes of cyclists by a motorist were submitted to your force in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 as part of Operation Snap?
2. How many of these submissions resulted in follow-up prosecution of the vehicle keeper or driver in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024? (under Driving without due care and attention).
3. Only if possible: How many of these prosecutions resulted with the driver being offered a course as opposed to a fine and endorsement only in each of these years?

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. For the years 2021-2023 the information is not recorded in a way in which further detail regarding the types of offence can be differentiated. Therefore, to locate and retrieve information in relation to close passes of cyclists specifically this would require a manual review of all cases recorded under Operation Snap for this period.

I have estimated that the time required to complete a manual review to locate and extract all information relevant to your request would 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).

However, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18hour limit.

This information has been provided by the Constabulary's Central Ticket office.



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The information is available for 2024 as the Constabulary began to record information with further detail regarding the type of offences recorded under Operation Snap onto a spreadsheet.

Question 1 – How many individual cycle/dashcam video footages showing close passes of cyclists by a motorist were submitted to your force

2024 – 225

Question 2 – How many of these submissions resulted in follow-up prosecution of the vehicle keeper or driver

2024 – 1 of the cases went through the Constabulary's Criminal Justice Unit.
8 paid a fine and received penalty points on their driving licence record.

Question 3 – Only if possible: How many of these prosecutions resulted with the driver being offered a course as opposed to a fine and endorsement only in each of these years?

2024 – 44 took the course, however many of the offences for 2024 may still be live and no disposal reached yet.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

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



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