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Dear xxxxx

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 326/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 16 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am specifically interested in data related to offences involving cyclists under Operation Snap and or via the National Dash Cam Safety Portal. If available, I would like to request the following:

The number of reports submitted where cyclists are The offenders, dangerous cycling, careless cycling.

The victims, close passing, collisions

*The outcomes of these reports, including No Further Action.
Driver Education Course.*

Fixed Penalty Notice.

Summons to Court.

Any records on how such offences are categorized in your systems general traffic offences, distinct cycling-related offences.

The time period for which this data is available, and whether it is broken down by year.

If the data is not specifically categorized under these criteria, I would appreciate any aggregated data available related to cyclists

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.



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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).

Notwithstanding the above, in anticipation it will still be of interest to you, I can confirm that since Jan 2024 we are now recording this information in a more easily retrievable format and I can provide the following information.

Individual cycle/dashcam video footages showing close passes of cyclists by a motorist submitted to Cumbria Constabulary

2024 – 225

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.

Of these prosecutions resulted with the driver being offered a course as opposed to a fine and endorsement only

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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



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