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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 814/24 (JUVENILES DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENCE)

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 9th September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please release the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. Please provide a breakdown of the number of young people (aged 16 and under) who have been caught driving without a licence in your force area for the last five financial years, broken down by year. (01 April – 31st March, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024)*
- 2. Please provide, if possible, the figures for each age group where applicable i.e. nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen etc, also broken down by gender.*
- 3. Please provide, if possible, the outcome of each case.*

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

The information provided below has been extracted from records held on the Constabulary's Case and Custody System and relates to offences of 'driving a motor vehicle otherwise in accordance with a licence' recorded between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2024.

Questions 1 and 2

The below table shows the number of times persons aged 16 years and under were found to be driving without a licence. Please note this is not a count of distinct individuals as a person may have been found driving without a licence on more than one occasion.

Year	Age of Driver				Total
	13	14	15	16	
2019/20	2	1	4	9	16
2020/21	1	6	6	9	22
2021/22	0	0	0	4	4
2022/23	0	3	7	9	19
2023/24	0	0	4	9	13
Total	3	10	21	40	74

All drivers were male except for one 14 year old female in 2014.



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Question 3

The table below shows the recorded outcomes of the 74 cases referred to above.

Year	Outcome Description							Total
	Caution (Conditional)	Charged	Charged – Postal Requisition	Postal Charge	No Further Action	Pre-Caution Disposal	Released without Bail	
2019/20	1	0	9	2	4	0	0	16
2020/21	3	0	10	3	6	0	0	22
2021/22	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
2022/23	1	1	9	3	5	0	0	19
2023/24	0	3	3	3	2	1	1	13
Total	5	4	34	12	17	1	1	74

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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