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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 839/24 Unauthorised car meets

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 18th September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under FOI rules, please could you provide me with the following information regarding unauthorised car meets.

Split by calendar year from 1 January 2022 to date, please provide the following;

- 1. Number of reports of unauthorised car meets*
- 2. Number of times officers have attended unauthorised car meets*
- 3. Number of arrests made at unauthorised car meets*
- 4. In addition, please can you advise if you have any Section 35 dispersal orders in place to tackle unauthorised car meets? If so how many and when were they first authorised?*

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.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's incident recording system. The data has been gathered using a key word search, the terms 'car meet' 'cars meet' 'cars gather' 'cars rac' 'car rac' have been used and the results have been reviewed. Please note that a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words 'cars meet' were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe this, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

It should also be noted that any incidents referring to 'car racing' have not been included and any incidents relating to only three cars or fewer have also not been included.

Question 1- Number of unauthorised car meets

Year	Number of Incidents
2022	17
2023	9
2024	7



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Grand Total	33
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Question 2- *Number of times officers have attended unauthorised car meets*

Year	Number of Incidents
2022	10
2023	3
2024	2
Grand Total	15

Question 3- *Number of arrests made at unauthorised car meets*

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Question 4- *In addition, please can you advise if you have any Section 35 dispersal orders in place to tackle unauthorised car meets? If so how many and when were they first authorised?*

No information held.

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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