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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 865/24 (DRIVING OFFENCES LINKED TO UNSUITABLE FOOTWEAR OR CLOTHING)

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 26th September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am looking for information regarding driving offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 linked with unsuitable footwear or clothing. Specifically I am looking for:

- 1. A list of all offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) that are linked to footwear or clothing*
- 2. Fines attributed to each offence*
- 3. Total cost of fines in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) that are linked to footwear or clothing*
- 4. Total number of offences committed in 2023 and to date in 2024 (separated per year) linked to footwear or clothing*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you the information you seek, if held, is not held in a way which would enable it to be located and retrieved automatically.

As there are no specific driving offences which relate solely to the wearing of unsuitable footwear or clothing, it would be necessary to manually review case files and associated records relating to all driving offences, to determine if any offences arose from, or were caused by, unsuitable footwear or clothing. Due to the large number of driving offences recorded by the Constabulary each year, it is not possible to review every case to ascertain if the Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and, if that is the case, to locate and retrieve that information.

I have estimated the time required to establish if Cumbria Constabulary holds information relevant to your request and, if this is the case, the time required to locate and retrieve that information will significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”.

The “appropriate limit” is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.



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Section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with the duty to confirm if information is held, if the cost of doing so would itself 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.

I have considered if it is possible to provide you with advice and assistance to help you to refine your request, so the time required to provide information would be less than the “appropriate limit”, however, due to the way in which information is recorded, I regret that it is not possible to offer any advice on this occasion.

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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