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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 887/24 Accidents/Collisions involving electric bikes

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3rd October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Please could you provide me with the number of reported casualties in accidents/collisions involving e-bikes (electric bikes) for each of the following calendar years:

- a) 2020*
- b) 2021*
- c) 2022*
- d) 2023*
- e) 2024 to date*

2. For each of the calendar years outlined in Q1, please could you provide a breakdown of the reported casualties in Q1 by the following categories:

- i) Killed*
- ii) Serious injury*
- iii) Slight injury*
- iv) Total*

Your request for information has been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does hold the information you request, and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Data relevant to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's Collision recording system, which is administrated by the Department for Transport. Please note that due to a change in the way electric bikes are recorded on the system, a manual review was required to extract data from 2024 which may not accurately identify all information held. This is because information is based upon the officer including/recording 'electric bike' or 'E-bike' within the summary text of the collision record.



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Answer

Question 1

Year	Count of Casualties
2020	1
2021	4
2023	1
2024	1
Total	7

Question 2

Casualty Severity				
Year	1. Slight	Fatal	Serious	Total
2020			1	1
2021		1	3	4
2023			1	1
2024	1			1
Total	1	1	5	7

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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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