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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 279/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 5 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

This is an information request relating to vehicles impounded by the force, namely mopeds/scooters and vehicles registered with the motability scheme.

Please provide the following information, for the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (to present) financial years:

- ***The number of mopeds or scooters impounded in relation to PWITs or drug investigations***

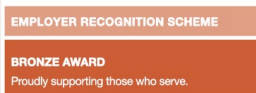
Please also, for the same financial years, provide the following information:

- ***Vehicles (of any kind) impounded for any crime which are registered with the motability scheme. Please provide a breakdown of the types of crime for those impounded***

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary. However, due to the way in which the data is recorded, to locate and retrieve all the information you seek in your request, it would be necessary to undertake a manual review of all mopeds or scooters seized to establish how many were involved in PWITS/drug investigations and a manual review would also be necessary to identify how many seizures involved motability vehicles and the crimes they were involved in. I have estimated the time required to extract the relevant information for these requests will exceed the “appropriate limit” as it will require a manual review of all relevant entries.

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.

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 will 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.



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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