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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 358/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24 March 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Please may I request the following information, which relates to citizen-submitted video evidence of so-called 'tailgating' – ie, another motorist driving too close to the vehicle in front:

- *The number of citizen-submitted pieces of **videolimagery evidence** reported to the force (either via the Force's own online portal or via the Nextbase 'National Dash Cam Safety Portal') that specifically references **'tailgating'** (ie, another motorist driving too close to the vehicle in front) in the submission.*
- *The number of video/dash cam evidence submissions (relating to tailgating) there has been **in past three years, broken down by year***
- *The number of tailgating evidence submissions which resulted in a **successful prosecution (by year, if possible)***
- *Please can prosecutions be identified by **road/location**.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary, however It should be noted that "tailgating" comes under the offence of driving without due care and attention and prior to 2024 we did not record this information specifically relating to each individual offence which may fall under this category. Therefore, in order to extract the information you seek would require a manual search of all offences relating to driving without due care and attention to establish which of these related specifically to "tailgating" I have estimated the time required to extract the relevant information for those years will 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.

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.

Notwithstanding the above, in anticipation it will still be of interest to you, it is possible to provide you with some of the information requested as from 2024 onwards we now record



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the information differently. This is information I would otherwise have advised you to submit a revised request to seek disclosure of in accordance with the duty to provide advice and assistance and is as follows:-

2024

12 Offences recorded

Results

1 fine which was paid, the rest either resulted in No Further Action or a warning letter being issued.

Locations

Carlisle
Wigton
M6 Shap
Appleby
M6 Southwaite
M6 Plumptre
Ulverston
A595 Silecroft
A595
Cleator Moor
Calthwaite
Durdar

2025 Jan to April

No offences recorded

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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary



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