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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1458/25 External Driver Training

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3rd November 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you provide a list of all police forces or other services to which Cumbria Police currently or has previously (within the last 5 years) delivered driver training.

For each of these forces/services, kindly specify the types of driver training courses provided, including any instructor-level courses where applicable.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary, however, I am not obliged to disclose some of the requested information to you.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act requires a public authority, when claiming information is exempt information, serve the applicant with a notice which-

- (a) States that fact
- (b) Specifies the exemption in question, and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemptions which apply are: -

Section 31 (1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement

This exemption applies for information relating to some of the training that the Constabulary has provided.

Section 31 is a prejudice based, qualified exemption and there is a requirement to describe the harm that will be caused if the exempt information is disclosed and also to consider if the public interest considerations in favour of maintaining the exemption outweigh the considerations in favour of releasing the information.

I have set out my views on these issues below for your information.

Harm



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It is important to stress that disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act are disclosures to the world, not just to the individual making the request, and such responses may be published on a public facing disclosure log.

Disclosing the details of some of the training provided by Cumbria Constabulary to other forces could cause subsequent harm to the Constabulary's ability to protect the public it serves and would prejudice its ability to perform core functions such as the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing such information about the Constabulary's training would give individuals the intelligence required to understand the type of covert training currently used by the Constabulary for those purposes, which would disrupt police activity and disclose police capability to criminals within Cumbria and other forces. Full disclosure would also provide and enable targeted malicious actions, whether this is in the form of an attack on an operational unit or by avoiding that unit.

The disclosure of information which is likely to undermine the Police service's ability to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime can only be considered as being harmful to the public.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure- Placing this information into the public domain would demonstrate the resources Cumbria Constabulary have to assist us in preventing and detecting crime and supporting other forces. This would also reassure the public that we are being as open and transparent as possible with them.

Factors against disclosure- Releasing this information would inform the public - but more importantly, those with criminal intent - of our covert capabilities. Doing so would compromise law enforcement tactics and would allow those with criminal intent to gain valuable information regarding all of the types of training that forces have. This would put the public at a greater risk as these individuals would use this information to evade capture, thus hindering our ability to prevent and detect crime. The result of this would be a diminished trust in the Force, an increase in crime being seen and a severe impact to our resources.

Balance test

Although there is a public interest in transparency and openness between Cumbria Constabulary and the public, in addition to the public seeing how we are engaging with the threat from criminals, there is a stronger interest in ensuring the public are protected from this threat. We must also ensure the enforcement of the law, and the prevention and detection of crime is upheld. To provide a disclosure which is likely to assist offenders would seriously undermine the effective delivery of operational law enforcement and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

For the issues outlined above the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure for part of your request.

Please see below the information that Cumbria Constabulary can provide with regards to the training provided to other forces within the last 5 years that we can share with you.

Bedfordshire Police

- Advanced M/Cycle
- Standard Response
- Advanced Car



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Home Office

- Standard Response
- Advanced M/Cycle refresher
- Advanced Refresher

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

- Standard Response

NATIS

- Standard Car Assessment
- Advanced Car Assessment
- Standard Response
- Advanced Car
- IPP
- TPaC

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

- Advanced Car

Lincolnshire Police

- TPaC
- TPaC Refresher

Civil Nuclear Constabulary

- 4x4 Off-Road
- Advanced Refresher
- Instructor Refresher
- IPP
- Advanced Car
- Initial Instructor

Ministry of Defence Police

- Evasive & Offensive Driving
- Protected Escort
- Standard Response

Hertfordshire Constabulary

- Standard Response

2 MI Battalion

- Standard Response
- Advanced Car

RAF

- Standard Response

RMP

- Standard Response
- Advanced Car

British Transport Police

- Standard Response



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Metropolitan Police

- Standard Response
- Advanced Car

CTPNW

- Advanced Car

Leicestershire Police

- TPaC

Hampshire Constabulary

- Advanced Car

Department for Work & Pensions

- Standard Response

Humberside Police

- Standard Response

The PPC Humberside

- Standard Response

Royal logistics Corps

- Standard Response

South Yorkshire

- TPaC

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire



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



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