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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 11/25 Smoking in vehicles

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

I am submitting an FOI request for the following information relating to smoking in cars.

1. How many fines and fixed penalty notices has your force issued under the Children and Families Act 2014 for smoking in a private vehicle with children (under 18 years old) present?

2. How many incidents and warnings under the Children and Families Act 2014 for smoking in a private vehicle with children (under 18 years old) present has your force identified?

Please return data broken down and split annually from 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2024.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information in response to question 1 has been provided by the Constabulary's Central Ticket Office.

Question 1- *How many fines and fixed penalty notices has your force issued under the Children and Families Act 2014 for smoking in a private vehicle with children (under 18 years old) present?*

Cumbria Constabulary do not process fixed penalty notices under the Children and Families Act 2014 for smoking in a private vehicle with children (under 18 years old) present.

The information provided in response to question 2 has been extracted from the Constabulary's incident recording system. Please note that a key word search using the terms 'smok' 'vehicle' and 'child' has been conducted within the Opening Remarks, Closure Summary, and Incident Description. A manual review of the results has then been completed to identify those relevant to the request.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words 'smok' or 'vehicle' were recorded in a different field,



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or if another name or term was used to describe these, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

It should be noted that smoking cannabis as well as cigarettes has been included in the information provided.

Question 2-

Incidents involving smoking in a private vehicle
with children present

Year/Month	Total
2015	1
Apr	1
2017	1
Aug	1
2018	1
May	1
2019	2
Jun	1
Jul	1
2020	5
Jan	2
Mar	1
Apr	1
Jun	1
2022	3
Apr	1
Jun	1
Oct	1
2023	3
Jul	2
Dec	1
Grand Total	16

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.



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The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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



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