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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 66/25 – Driving Other Than in Accordance with Your Driving Licence

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 14 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The total number of targeted roadside checks for vehicle licence information carried out by your Police Force in 2022, 2023 and 2024?*
2. *The total number of vehicles issued with fines by the Police off the back of targeted roadside checks for vehicle licencing in 2022, 2023 and 2024?*
3. *The reasons for, and number of fines issued to owners as a result of targeted roadside checks (eg: incorrect information, licence being out of date etc)?*
4. *What are the total costs to vehicle drivers for fines issued per year by your Police Force?*

On the 15 January 2025 you clarified that the information you are seeking is:

Please can you provide me with all stops that have resulted in vehicle licensing found to be incorrect? So that would include name and address information being incorrect, or not matching that on their insurance records, as well as those that are driving incorrect vehicles based on their licenses and what has been provided.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary. As there is no specific offence for the information you are seeking, in order for us to obtain this information it would require a manual review of every offence relating to 'driving otherwise than in accordance with your driving licence' to ascertain the situation of each case. This may include an email to the officer to establish the circumstances of the offence.

For the year 2024 we hold 126 cases relating to 'driving otherwise than in accordance with your driving licence' and therefore the number of records held for the time period requested which will require a manual review to identify, retrieve and extract the data will exceed the "appropriate limit" due to the way in which the information is recorded.

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



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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.

In accordance with my duty under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (Duty to provide advice and assistance), I have tried to think of a way to recommend that your request may be refined to bring it under the limit explained above. At this time, unfortunately, I have no suggestions, due to the way that the information requested is recorded.

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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