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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1115/24 Drink driving offences

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 11th of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The number of drink driving offences recorded by the force in the last three years (broken down by years between December 1st - November 31st 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)*
 - 1a) *Of those, how many were charged/summons (broken down by year)*
 - 1b) *For the last year alone (December 1 2023 - November 31 2024) - can you break down the offences by age and gender of alleged offender and area the offence took place.*

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 provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's case and custody reporting system. Most drink driving offences are non-notifiable (summary only) offences and are therefore not recorded on the crime recording system.

Question 1-

Number of drink drive offences between 01/12/2021 -30/11/2024

Offence	01/12/2021 - 30/11/2022	01/12/2022 - 30/11/2023	01/12/2023 - 30/11/2024
Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	2		
Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink	3		
Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit	480	493	448
Drive whilst unfit through drink	14	18	21
In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	48	38	50



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In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink	1	2	2
Grand Total	548	551	521

Question 1a-

Please note that it is common for an individual to have a few offences listed on each custody record from one drink drive incident, in those instances, the offence counted is the offence resulting a charge.

Number of charges (to date) between 01/12/2021 - 30/11/2024

Offence	01/12/2021 - 30/11/2022	01/12/2022 - 30/11/2023	01/12/2023 - 30/11/2024
Attempt to drive motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	2		
Cause death by driving without due care and attention / reasonable consideration while unfit through drink	3		
Drive motor vehicle when alcohol level above limit	370	388	330
Drive whilst unfit through drink	1	3	4
In charge of motor vehicle - alcohol level above limit	41	28	39
In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drink	1	2	2
Grand Total	418	421	375

Question 1b-

Drink driving offences between 01/12/2023 - 30/11/2024 showing recorded age of suspect/ offender

Age	Total
<19	5
19	10
20	3
21	11
22	8
23	15
24	12
25	10
26	11
27	11
28	10
29	17
30	14
31	13
32	15
33	19
34	12
35	26
36	17



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37	9
38	13
39	12
40	15
41	17
42	16
43	12
44	9
45	8
46	9
47	12
48	2
49	10
50	8
51	11
52	12
53	11
54	9
55	9
56	6
57	12
58	4
59	6
60	5
61	6
62	5
63	3
64	3
65	8
66	3
67	2
68	7
69-85	7
Grand Total	521

Drink driving offences between 01/12/2023 - 30/11/2024 showing recorded gender of suspect/ offender

Gender	Total
Female	126
Male	395
Grand Total	521

Drink driving offences between 01/12/2023 - 30/11/2024 showing location detained in custody



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Please note that the location provided is the station first detained at as this is the only available location data in the custody system.

Location Detained	Total
Barrow	103
Carlisle	164
Kendal	108
Workington	146
Grand Total	521

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

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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