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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1149/24 Vehicles seized in 2024

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 31st of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please may you provide me with:

- 1. The number of vehicles seized by the police in 2024*
- 2. The number of seized vehicles that were returned to owners*
- 3. The number of vehicles sold at auction or destroyed*
- 4. The reasoning behind each of these seizures*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To locate and retrieve all of the information you seek in questions 2-4 this would require a manual review of all records of recovered/seized vehicles in 2024, or which there were 3558 recorded.

I have estimated that the time required to complete a manual review to locate and extract all information relevant to your request would significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. 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 would 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, by virtue of Section 12(1).

However, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18hour limit. This information below has been provided by the Constabulary's Roads Policing Team.

Question 1-

In 2024 Cumbria Constabulary recovered/seized 3558 vehicles.

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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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