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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 152/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 4 February 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request data regarding underage (under the age of 17) drivers who have been arrested in your area.

Could you please provide the following data for the period 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024:

- 1) The total number of individuals arrested for driving underage.*
- 2) The locations by LSOA name where each offence took place.*
- 3) The last outcome category type for each individual arrested.*

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

Total number of individuals arrested for driving underage

Total	4
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The individuals arrested for driving a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence split down by location of arrest and outcome

Month	Location	Outcome
August	Barrow	No further action
August	Barrow	No further action
September	Barrow	Police bail
December	Carlisle	No further action



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Please note that as driving underage is not an actual offence, we have instead searched for driving without a licence and where those arrested were under the age of 17, from a keyword search of "FreeTextOffenceName". The locations given are also free text, therefore we have given the towns in which the arrest was made.

The above information has been obtained from crime recording systems.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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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