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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 155/25 RTC's on A689

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

*The number & summary detail of road traffic incidents on the section of the road A689 between the Houghton junction (St Johns bridge) & the roundabout of J44, M6.
Covering 3 years from Jan 2022 to Dec 2024.
Information in calendar years*

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 Collision Reporting and Sharing (CRaSH) system. Please note, this data only contains collisions that have been entered on to this system, collisions should be entered onto this system in a timely manner however, it is possible some collisions (particularly damage only or those occurring at the end of December) may not yet have been entered onto this system. There are also times where we as a force would record a collision, but the Department for Transport (DfT) would not publish it in their data due to different recording methods. This means any data produced here may be slightly different to official figures published by the DfT.

Answer –

Please note that the Constabulary do not hold any information for the year 2022.

Date	Most Severe Collision Injury	Details
Sept-2023	Slight	Vehicle slowed suddenly causing vehicle behind to collide into rear
Jan-2024	No Injury	Vehicle veered into hedge whilst turning
Feb-2024	No Injury	Vehicle took evasive action to avoid animal in the road
Apr-2024	Slight	HGV exited roundabout potentially too quickly for the bend
May-2024	Less Serious	Vehicle failed to slow for vehicle in front and instead swerved to right into oncoming traffic



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Jul-2024	No Injury	Vehicle failed to stop in time before roundabout and collided with rear of vehicle in front
Sept-2024	No Injury	Vehicle failed to see stationary vehicle waiting to turn and collided with the rear
Oct-2024	Less Serious	Vehicle slowed down for another vehicle to turn, vehicle behind failed to stop
Oct-2024	Slight	Vehicle 1 collided with vehicle 2 possible alcohol involvement
Nov-2024	Slight	Vehicle collided into back of stationary queue of traffic

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

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

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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