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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 67/25 ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS INVOLVING DEER**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I would like to ask the following under the Freedom of Information Act. My request relates to road traffic incidents / accidents involving vehicle collision with deer:*

- 1) How many deer vehicle collisions (DVCs) has your force recorded since 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025? Preferably on a month-by-month basis.*
- 2) Of those deer vehicle collisions recorded since 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025, how many did your force attend? Preferably on a month-by-month basis.*

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.

In order to locate information relevant to your request incident logs recorded on the Constabulary's Incident Logging system, with the Incident Type filter of 'Transport' or 'Public Safety/Welfare' were identified, and a keyword search was undertaken using the keyword 'deer'. The information in the below table relates to incident logs which directly refer to a collision between a vehicle and a deer.

Please note; a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the word 'deer' was misspelled within an incident log relating to a collision with a deer, those incidents would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. Therefore, whilst the information is provided in good faith it may not be wholly accurate.



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1. Incident logs relating to collisions involving a deer.

Count of Incidents	Year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	3	4	4	4	15
Feb	3	1		5	9
Mar	4	5	4	7	20
Apr	13	7	6	10	36
May	16	22	17	17	72
Jun	7	6	8	13	34
Jul	8	3	7	10	28
Aug	3	8	6	5	22
Sep	2	3	2	8	15
Oct	5	4	2	2	13
Nov	3	6	7	6	22
Dec	3	2	2	3	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>296</b>

2. Incident logs relating to collisions involving a deer which were attended.

Count of Incidents Attended	Year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	2	1	2	3	8
Feb	2	0	0	3	5
Mar	3	3	4	5	15
Apr	8	6	3	6	23
May	9	13	13	10	45
Jun	2	4	5	9	20
Jul	6	2	4	3	15
Aug	1	3	3	2	9
Sep	0	1	2	5	8
Oct	3	1	1	2	7
Nov	2	5	4	4	15
Dec	2	2	2	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>179</b>

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.



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## Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.



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