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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 363/25 – CD10 offences

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 25th March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide data for the last three calendar years: 2022, 2023 and 2024, with a monthly breakdown where possible.

Q1. The total number of cautions issued under the CD10 offence, broken down by month and year.

Q2. The total number of fixed penalties issued under the CD10 offence, broken down by month and year.

Q3. The total number of prosecutions initiated under the CD10 offence, broken down by month and year.

Q4. A full list or breakdown of all offences recorded under CD10 during this period.

Q5. Where available, any accompanying officer notes, incident descriptors, or free-text fields associated with CD10 offences.

Q6. If possible, please indicate whether any of the CD10 offences were related to driving with pets in the vehicle (e.g. where the presence or behaviour of a pet may have contributed to the lack of control). This could include any relevant details recorded in officer notes or free-text fields.

Q7. Please indicate the number of fines issued under the CD10 offence during each period and where held, the total revenue generated from these fines, broken down by each month of each calendar year.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold all the information you request in an easily retrievable format. To provide information for Question 4, 5 and 6, would require a manual review of over 1000 records. Each record would need to be checked, to establish if the officer had recorded pets in the vehicle as being related to the offence. Not all records have method details recorded and therefore officers would need to be individually contacted to establish the reason for the offence, and associated records checked such as pocket note books and statements. I am



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confident that the time taken to extract the relevant information for the requested years will significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”.

The “appropriate limit” is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and 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 will 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.

As a gesture of goodwill, I can provide information to Question 1 and Question 2 which was retrieved before it was realised that the time taken to respond would exceed the time limit.

Question 1

There are no cautions

Question 2

2022	
Jan	19
Feb	32
Mar	33
Apr	31
May	30
Jun	31
Jul	67
Aug	31
Sep	25
Oct	31
Nov	14
Dec	17
Total	361

2023	
Jan	19
Feb	17
Mar	37
Apr	49
May	31
Jun	68
Jul	23
Aug	37
Sep	42
Oct	39
Nov	48
Dec	22
Total	432

2024	
Jan	26
Feb	25
Mar	28
Apr	17
May	21
Jun	39
Jul	33
Aug	37
Sep	25
Oct	39
Nov	29
Dec	35
Total	354

The above tables relate to the number of fixed penalties issued. Some will have been dealt with as fines, educational courses, charged to court and some may have been cancelled.

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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