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Dear XXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 438/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 10 April 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

I am requesting information regarding incidents reported involving vehicles splashing pedestrians with water or mud, particularly on public roads or commonly used pedestrian routes within your jurisdiction.

Data on “Splashing” Pedestrians Offences and Hotspots

1. The number of incidents reported where vehicles splashed pedestrians (water, mud, etc.) from 2021 to 2025. Including if possible:
2. Age of offender/ Victim (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)
3. Gender of offender/Victim
4. A brief description of what took place (if possible).
5. Vehicle being driven
6. Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)
7. Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)
8. Location of incidents such as crossings, junctions and school gates.

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.

Question 1

The number of incidents reported where vehicles splashed pedestrians (water, mud, etc.) from 2021 to 2025.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Total	1	1	0	0	0	2

Question 2

Age of offender/ Victim (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)

Unknown	1
25-30	1



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Question 3

Gender of Victim

Male	2
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Gender of offender

unknown	2
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Question 4

Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)

None

Question 5

Location of incidents such as crossings, junctions and school gates.

Carpark	1
Pavement	1

Question 6

Vehicle being driven

Landrover	1
Unknown	1

Question 7

Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)

No action taken	2
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Question 8

A brief description of what took place (if possible).

Pedestrians splashed by water	1
Pedestrians splashed by mud	1

The above information has been obtained from our incident recording system.

Please note:-

- A keyword search of incidents mentioning “splash” was used within our systems to obtain the information provided. It should be noted that a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words used were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe the incident, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.



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- The results have been manually checked for relevance and therefore are subject to the Analyst's interpretation of the data.

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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