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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1409/25 Drink and Drug Driving Offences

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 17th October 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Request 1.

The total number of motorists of all categories that were arrested by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, after failing an alcohol breathalyser test.

If possible, please break down by time of day when the motorist was stopped by police and asked to take the test.

- 12 pm-6 am
- 6.01 am-11.59 am
- Total stopped

Request 2.

The number of failed breathalyser tests in the following ranges (as measured in mg of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath)

- Between 35 mg and 70 mg
- Between 70 mg and 105 mg
- Between 105 mg and 140 mg
- Above 140 mg

Request 3.

The total number of motorists of all categories that were arrested by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, on suspicion of drug driving.

If possible, please break down by time of day.

- 12 pm-6 am
- 6.01 am-11.59 am
- Total stopped

Request 4.

The number of motorists who were stopped by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, who were subsequently charged with:

- A drink-driving offence
- A drug driving offence
- A combination of drink and drug driving offences



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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.

Please note: Not all tests are recorded, therefore numbers of tests and numbers of arrests will be different in the data.

Request 1.

Please note: This figure is based on number of individuals arrested and the time they were arrested, not how many were stopped and asked to take a test.

The total number of motorists of all categories that were arrested by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, after failing an alcohol breathalyser test.

Time of the day	Distinct Count of Person
06:01-11:59	8
12:00-06:00	49
Total	57

Request 2.

The number of failed breathalyser tests in the following ranges (as measured in mg of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath).

Row Labels	Count of BrAC
Between 35 mg and 70 mg	37
Between 70 mg and 105 mg	13
Between 105 mg and 140 mg	2
Above 140 mg	2
Total	54

Request 3.

The total number of motorists of all categories that were arrested by the police force between December 1, 2024 and January 5, 2025, on suspicion of drug driving.

Time of the day	Distinct Count of Person
06:00-11:59	27
12:00-06:00	109
Total	136

Request 4.

The number of motorists who were stopped by the police force between December 1, 2024, and January 5, 2025, who were subsequently charged with alcohol and drug related offences.

Charged with	Distinct Count of Person
Alcohol related	39
Drug related	33
Broth	1
Grand Total	73



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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
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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