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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1316/25 AI Driver Training

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

I would like to request the following information where possible.

- 1. Does this police force use any form of driving simulation technology in training its drivers?*
- 2. Which driving courses, basic, standard or advanced this technology is applied to?*
- 3. Has the use of this technology completely replaced on the road driver training or sections of this?*
- 4. Has the use of simulators had an affect on the cost of driver training and if so, what were those affects?*
- 5. What format of simulator is used? Example of this would be one screen, steering wheel and pedals.*
- 6. Any information on how many road traffic collisions involving police vehicles within your force took place in 2024.*
- 7. Any information on how many of those road traffic collisions were deemed to be the fault of the police driver.*
- 8. Any information on how many of those road traffic collisions took place during driver training.*
- 9. Any information on how much the road traffic collisions deemed to be the fault of the police driver cost the police force.*
- 10. How many/ if any of those road traffic collisions ended in injury or fatality?*

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.

Question 1.

Cumbria Constabulary do not use any form of simulation technology when training drivers.

Question 2.

Please see Question 1.

Question 3.

Please see Question 1.

Question 4.

Please see Question 1.



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Question 5.

Please see Question 1.

Question 6.

There were 90 road traffic collisions involving police vehicles that had taken place in 2024.

Question 7.

It is not our job to determine fault; this is dealt with by Claims Handlers therefore there are no records held relating to this question.

Question 8.

Driver training has a no accident rate whilst delivering courses.

Question 9.

Please see Question 7.

Question 10.

There were 7 road traffic collisions involving police vehicles that ended in injury or fatalities in 2024.

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.

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



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