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 Our reference: 01/FOI/25/007328/Q
 Your reference:
 Date: 08/08/2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007328/Q

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 04/08/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each calendar year from 2020 through to the most recent available data in 2025, please provide:

A. The number of road traffic collisions recorded where the contributing factor was:

"Dazzling headlights"

"Headlight glare"

Or any similar wording used in your reporting system

B. The number of:

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)

Verbal warnings

*Or other enforcement actions
issued for offences involving:*

Headlights being too bright or dazzling

Use of non-compliant, aftermarket, or misaligned headlights

C. If available, the number of formal public complaints or reports relating to headlight glare or dangerously bright headlights.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches located information relevant to your request.

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Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question A –

Information held.

CF.202 – Defective lights or indicators

CF.506 – Not displaying lights at night or in poor visibility

Recorded injury collisions -

2020 – 7

2021 – 6

2022 – 7

2023 – 2

2024 – 9

2025 (January to march) - 0

Question B –

Information held.

Offence	Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
RL89006 Use a vehicle with a flashing or not steady light	2	0	1	0	2	0
RL89076 Obligatory lamps / reflectors obscured	0	0	0	0	0	0
RL89079 Use a vehicle with optional lamps not working	0	0	0	0	0	0
RL89160 Specified obligatory lamps not working	1	0	2	8	14	5
RL89161 Lamps/rear markings not maintained/clean	13	10	9	14	11	5

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RL89162 Fail to use head lamps at night / in darkness / in seriously reduced visibility	1	0	0	5	2	2
RL89165 Misuse of head lamps when vehicle parked	0	0	0	0	0	0
RL89166 Use a vehicle, in motion, at night or in seriously reduced visibility without using lights	2	0	0	3	4	6
RL89171 - Head lamp(s) used to cause undue dazzle or S40A discomfort to other road users	0	0	0	0	0	0
RL89172 Rear fog lamps used to cause dazzle	0	0	0	0	0	1
RL89176 Front fog lamps used to cause dazzle	0	0	0	0	0	0
RL89177 Use front fog lamps when visibility not reduced	1	3	2	2	3	3
RL89178 Use rear fog lamps when visibility not reduced	0	0	0	0	0	0

Question C –

The position of the Constabulary is that there is ‘no recorded information held’.

In relation to this data please note the following:

- The data has been extracted from the Constabulary’s Prosecutions / Accident System which is, to all intent a ‘living’ system in that it is constantly being updated. As such the data can only be verified for the date/time extracted.
- 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 Constabulary’s response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Right to Request a Review (Complaint)

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 Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

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Yours sincerely

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS and COPYRIGHT ISSUES

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Derbyshire Constabulary to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Derbyshire Constabulary have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. **However, this request must be made within 40 working days from the date of our response.**

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to **Freedom of Information Officer, Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Butterley Hall, RIPLEY, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS** or via email at foi@derbyshire.police.uk

Where possible the Derbyshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF - Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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