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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1030/24 Reports of drug use in schools

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 18th November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. From the 1st January 2021 to the 1st November 2024 how many reports of drug use in schools did Cumbria Constabulary receive. Please divide the data up into four categories - 1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021, 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022, 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023 and 1st January 2024 - 1st November 2024.*
- 2. If possible, I would also like information on what the drug(s) involved in each incident were.*
- 3. Please also include how many of these reports led to confiscation of drugs.*

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.

In order to provide information, searches were undertaken on the Constabulary's Crime data recording database for drug offences, using school related keywords to ascertain the reports specified in your request.

Please note that where a premise name is listed as school, there may be some offences that occurred outside the school gates.



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Answers

Question 1

Table relates to the number of reports Cumbria Constabulary received relating to drug use in schools

Year	Possession	Trafficking	Total
2021	10		10
2022	8	1	9
2023	7	2	9
2024	13	1	14
Total	39	4	42

Question 2

Table relates to the drug(s) involved in each incident. Note that some crimes may involve more than one drug.

Drug Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Amphetamine	1				1
Cannabis Herbal	7	5	6	8	26
Cannabis Plant		2	1	1	4
Cannabis Resin	1	1		1	3
Cocaine				1	1
Diazepam		1			1
Drug Not Known			1	2	3
Ketamine	1		1		2
Nitrous Oxide				1	1
Subutex	1				1
Total	11	9	9	16	43

Question 3

All the drugs were confiscated.

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

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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