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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 977/24 – CCTV

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 31st October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

According to [a news report](#) published by Cumbria Crack today: “Cumbria police has unveiled a new CCTV system which uses artificial intelligence to track suspects across the county.”

Please provide all of the following documentation held by Cumbria Constabulary in relation to this system:

1. *Business justification papers*
2. *Use case summaries*
3. *Data Protection Impact Assessments*
4. *Equality Impact Assessments*
5. *Data Sharing Agreements*
6. *Contracts*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold all the information you request in an easily retrievable format.

In relation to your request for case summaries, information is currently not held on a central database where a statistical search can be undertaken to obtain the information. As such and in order to identify and retrieve the information it would be necessary to do a manual trawl of multiple databases and manually review each entry. As there are over 500 system usages to provide a summary of each case I am confident the time required to extract the relevant information will exceed the “appropriate limit”. Based on a minimum 5 minutes per case, would take at least 40 hours to retrieve.

The “appropriate limit” is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information, if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request will exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.



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I can advise that the Data Protection Impact Assessments and Equality Impact Assessments are already in the public domain as these are published on the Constabulary's website. For your convenience, I have provided links to where you can access the information requested.

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/police-forces/cumbria-constabulary/areas/about-us/about-us/cctv/>

Cumbria Constabulary holds no information in relation to a Data Sharing Agreement as the data is not shared from the CCTV system.

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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