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1st April 2025

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 297/25 Lost property/Seized items

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 10th of March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Please could you provide details regarding what Cumbria Police does with unclaimed lost property and seized items.*
- 2. Please could you provide a breakdown of the unclaimed lost property and seized items that Cumbria Police was in possession of in the calendar year of 2024.*

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.

The information in response to your request has been provided by the Constabulary's Front Counter Team.

Question 1 –

All unclaimed seized, lost or found property is sorted and if it can be sold it goes to an auction company that we deal with. If it is not in a condition or appropriate to send to the auction company, then it is disposed of.

Question 2 –

Found property 2024

Found Property Classification	Count of Found Property Classification
Computer Equipment	69
Debit / Credit Cards	246
Firearms	12
ID Documents	210
Jewellery	123



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Mobile Phones	171
Money	93
Grand Total	924

Please note that due to the number of items seized by Cumbria Constabulary this information is recorded in separate property registers, therefore 3 separate tables have been provided for the year 2024. It should also be noted that the below tables show all items seized by the Constabulary.

Seized property January – April 2024

Row Labels	Count of Seized Property Classification
Animals	3
Bags	57
Bank Debit / Credit Cards	37
Bladed Instruments	100
Cameras / Binoculars	6
Clothing	395
Computer Equipment	193
Cycles	20
Documents	115
Drugs	859
Firearms	7
Food Stuffs	23
Footwear	8
Forensic Samples	236
Jewellery	22
Keys	63
Mobile Phones	601
Money	96
Other	652
Passports	3
Prescription Medication	61
Purses and Wallets	3
Sharps	41
Spectacles	1
Tools	68
Vehicle Accessories	28
Grand Total	3698

Seized property April – September 2024

Row Labels	Count of Seized Property Classification
Animals	5



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Bags	72
Bank Debit / Credit Cards	36
Bladed Instruments	159
Cameras / Binoculars	11
Clothing	556
Computer Equipment	195
Cycles	22
Documents	143
Drugs	1192
Firearms	16
Food Stuffs	25
Footwear	15
Forensic Samples	318
Jewellery	33
Keys	113
Mobile Phones	869
Money	139
Other	775
Passports	5
Prescription Medication	98
Purses and Wallets	8
Sharps	62
Spectacles	1
Tools	73
Vehicle Accessories	43
Grand Total	4984

Seized property September – December 2024

Row Labels	Count of Seized Property Classification
Animals	4
Bags	32
Bank Debit / Credit Cards	26
Bladed Instruments	74
Cameras / Binoculars	8
Clothing	254
Computer Equipment	123
Cycles	14
Documents	78
Drugs	735
Firearms	8
Food Stuffs	18
Footwear	7
Forensic Samples	158
Jewellery	16
Keys	70
Mobile Phones	548



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Money	79
Other	479
Passports	4
Prescription Medication	57
Purses and Wallets	3
Sharps	41
Tools	57
Vehicle Accessories	19
Grand Total	2912

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
SK9 5AF

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



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