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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 371/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 25 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request in relation to Cumbria Polygraph Examiners and all associated Polygraph Training, for the purpose in obtaining the following information please:

Polygraph Examiners employed by Cumbria per calendar year:

- a. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by Cumbria between 2020 - 2021?***
- b. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by Cumbria between 2021 – 2022?***
- c. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by Cumbria between 2022 - 2023?***
- d. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by Cumbria between 2022 - 2023?***
- e. Which service provider/contractor currently provides polygraph training to Cumbria Polygraph Examiner(s)?***
- f. How much per calendar year, does Cumbria pay the service provider for each Polygraph Examiner?***
- g. Between 2020 - 2021, how many Polygraph Examiners did Cumbria pay the contractor for polygraph services?***
- h. Between 2021 - 2022, how many Polygraph Examiners did Cumbria pay the contractor for polygraph services?***
- i. Between 2022 - 2023, how many Polygraph Examiners did Cumbria pay the contractor for polygraph services?***
- j. Between 2023 - 2024, how many Polygraph Examiners did Cumbria pay the contractor for polygraph services?***



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- k. *Is there a mandatory requirement for Cumbria Polygraph Examiners to undertake additional training and/or development and/or CPD and/or supervision following completion of the initial polygraph training course?*
ANSWER: YES/NO
- l. *If so, what additional training/development/CPD/supervision is required following the initial course?*
- m. *Is there a mandatory requirement for Cumbria Polygraph Examiner(s) to retain accreditation in order to practice polygraph examinations?*
ANSWER: YES/NO
- n. *If so, how is accreditation retained?*
- o. *Who determines/sets the accreditation requirements to practice?*
- p. *How are the requirements imposed?*
- q. *Between 2020 - 2021, how many Cumbria Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?*
- r. *How was accreditation achieved?*
- s. *Between 2021 - 2022, how many Cumbria Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?*
- t. *How was accreditation achieved?*
- u. *Between 2022 - 2023, how many Cumbria Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?*
- v. *How was accreditation achieved?*
- w. *Between 2023 - 2024, how many Cumbria Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?*
- x. *How was accreditation achieved?*
- y. *Is there a UK national register that records accredited Police/Constabulary Polygraph Examiners?*
ANSWER: YES/NO
- z. *If so, which organisation/body holds the register of accredited Police Polygraph Examiners?*
- aa. *Are Cumbria Polygraph Examiners listed on the national register?*
- bb. *Are all Cumbria Polygraph Examiners members of the American Polygraph Association (APA)?*
ANSWER: YES/NO
- cc. *If so, did being a member of the American Polygraph Association (APA) enable Cumbria Polygraph Examiners to retain their accreditation to practice?*
ANSWER: YES/NO



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- dd. Between 2020 - 2021, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?**
- ee. Between 2021 - 2022, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?**
- ff. Between 2022 - 2023, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?**
- gg. Between 2023 - 2024, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?**

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request, however we are not obliged to disclose all the information to you.

Question f

The exemption, Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means, applies to question ‘f’

This exemption applies because the information you have requested is already in the public domain. For your convenience, I have provided a link below to where you can access the information requested.

<https://cumbria-pfcc.gov.uk/finance-governance/transparency/contracts-and-spending>

Section 21(1) is an absolute exemption, which means that it is not necessary for me to consider whether the public interest considerations in favour of withholding the information outweigh the considerations in favour of disclosing it to you in response to your request.

Please note that the information can be found within the ‘OPFCC Archive’ of the above document under Contracts and Spending, Transparency Reports.

Please see our response below for the remaining questions, where information is held:

Questions a-d

Answer = Between 2020 and 2023 - 2 Polygraph Examiners were employed by Cumbria Constabulary per calendar year.

Question e

Answer = Behavioural Measures UK (BMUK)

Questions g-i

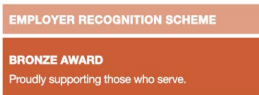
Answer = Between 2020 and 2024 Cumbria Constabulary paid the contractor for Polygraph Services for 2 people per year.

Question k

Answer = YES

Question l

Answer = 40 hours CPD every 2 years. Every report is quality controlled, as are a set number of polygraph charts.



Question m

Answer = Yes

Question n

Answer = This answer has previously been given in 'question l'. Annual subscriptions are also paid to the American Polygraph Association (APA).

Question o

Answer = This is nationally agreed by the Polygraph Working Group.

Question p

Answer – It is up to individual forces/Polygraph Examiners to maintain their accreditation.

Question q

Answer = 2

Question r

Answer = Cumbria Police Polygraph Examiners attended a 10 week BMUK course resulting in accreditation.

Question s

Answer = 2

Question t

Answer = The payment of subscriptions to the APA and completing 20 hours CPD along with polygraph charts and reports.

Question u

Answer = 2

Question v

Answer = The payment of subscriptions to the APA and completing 20 hours CPD along with polygraph charts and reports.

Question w

Answer = 2

Question x

Answer = The payment of subscriptions to the APA and completing 20 hours CPD along with polygraph charts and reports.

Question y, z & aa

No information is held in regard to questions y, z and aa.

Question bb

Answer = Yes

Question cc

Answer = Yes

Questions dd, ee, ff & gg

Answer = Between 2020 and 2024 - 20 hours per year per Polygraph Examiner

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.



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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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