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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 434/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 9 April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Are all your police officers who attend domestic abuse incidents (crime scenes) trained about coercive control?***
- 2. What training courses that police officers are mandated to attend is coercive control covered in?***
- 3. Pets can be killed, harmed or threatened within domestic abuse and are often barriers for survivors leaving an abusive relationship. Does all of your coercive control training consider this aspect?***

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.

Question 1

All Police Officers get input on domestic abuse in their initial training, this is followed by all officers completing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in the form of a national programme called 'DA Matters'.

Question 2

All Police Officers must complete regular e-learning packages as CPD, as well as attend a one day session on 'DA Matters' which covers controlling and coercive behaviour.

Question 3

Within the Constabulary's DA Matters Programme, barriers for leaving are discussed – a big one being pets. The police trainers make sure that they talk about temporary re-homing options but also make officers aware of this barrier.

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 response.



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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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