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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 462/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 20 April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to request the following:

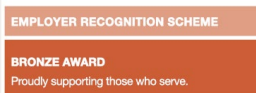
- 1. A list of all -cides used by the Service. This is inclusive of, but not limited to: any and all avicides, biocides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodenticides.**
- 2. The annual cost and volume of purchase of each of these -cides, broken down by -cide, from January 2014 to December 2024. Please list this on a spreadsheet (CSV), broken down by:**
 - 1. -Cide**
 - 2. Product Name**
 - 3. Volume Purchased**
 - 4. Price Paid**
 - 5. Purchase Date**
- 3. A list of each of these -cides' use, by volume. Through this I am trying to ascertain whether the purchased volume is matched by the used volume, so if there is a record of expired or unused -cides too, that would be ideal. Please add this to the above CSV as an additional column, also on an annual basis over the same time period. Please list volume in either litres or kilograms, whichever is more appropriate.**
- 4. Only if available and easily accessible, the location and purpose of each specific -cide's use. For the former, this may be classified by: location grouping, address, coordinate, or otherwise.**

If any of the individual pieces of information listed above are not available but others are, like cost and volume, then please signal this while responding with the other available information. Additionally, if records are only available for a time period less than that specified above, please provide these instead of rejecting the request as a whole.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that 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

- **Herbicides** (used by Contractor only – as part of a contractor service – not used directly by the Constabulary)



- **rodenticides** (baits & traps- used by Contractor only – as part of a contractor service – not used directly by the Constabulary)
- **insecticides** (used rarely - used by Contractor only – as part of a reactive contractor service – not used directly by the Constabulary)

Questions 2-4

As the 'cides' listed above in Question 1 are used by a Contractor only, as part of a reactive contractor service, I have determined that the Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in Questions 2-4.

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.

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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