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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 555/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 21 May 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you tell me how many times the following methods of force were deployed by this force against people aged 65+, disaggregating the data by exact age and by the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

***CED/Taser
Firearms
Spit and bite guard
Irritant spray - including PAVA and CS
AEP
Baton
Dog bite***

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.

Year	CED/Taser	Firearms	Spit & Bite Guard	Irritant Spray	AEP	Baton	Dog Bite
2022	2	0	2	3	1	0	0
2023	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
2024	7	0	2	6	0	0	0

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's recording system. Please note that the irritant spray results include where the spray has been drawn, as well as used, as that is what our analyst determines 'deployed' to mean.

Due to the way in which the information is recorded on our system it is not possible to split the data by the exact age as it is stored in age groups, the grouping was 65+.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.



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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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