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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 845/24 Shoplifting at Boots

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 19th of September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you provide me with the number of shoplifting incidents at Boots (the chemist) reported to your force in:

-2024 (year to August)
-2023
-2022

- If possible, please break down incidents by calendar month.

- If possible, please provide details of goods stolen e.g hair products.

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 provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. A search of the offence shoplifting, along with a key word search using the terms 'shoplifting' and 'boots' has been used for the time periods requested. Please note that a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the word 'boots' was recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe this, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

It should also be noted that the detail of the property stolen was read by the analyst and allocated a category. Any allocations are therefore at the discretion of the analyst and not the officer investigating the offence. Where multiple goods were stolen and not listed as separate items of property, the most expensive item was chosen, and the offence allocated to that category.



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Year	Month	Distinct Count
2022	Jan	2
	Feb	2
	Mar	2
	Apr	4
	May	6
	Jun	7
	Jul	10
	Aug	3
	Sep	4
	Oct	7
	Nov	10
	Dec	5
2023	Jan	7
	Feb	7
	Mar	5
	Apr	5
	May	1
	Jun	6
	Jul	6
	Aug	10
	Sep	4
	Oct	11
	Nov	10
	Dec	6
2024	Jan	4
	Feb	15
	Mar	6
	Apr	8
	May	12
	Jun	10
	Jul	8
	Grand Total	204

Category	Count
Christmas	2
Clothing	4
Cosmetics	110
Electrical	4
Eyecare	6
Food & drink	5



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Fragrances	28
Homeware	2
Household	2
Jewellery	1
Medicine	1
Suncare	10
Toiletries	26
Wellness	28
Unknown	12
Grand Total	204

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

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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