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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 871/24 Theft from the person offences

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 27th of September. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many incidents of theft from the person were recorded by your police force in the following financial years: 2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22.*
2. *How many incidents of theft from the person were closed without an investigation due to the CCTV trawling timeframe being too long by your police force in the following financial years: 2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22.*
3. *How many incidents of theft from the person were closed without an investigation overall by your police force in the following financial years: 2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To locate and retrieve all the information you seek in Question 2 it would be necessary to complete a manual review of all theft from the person crimes for each calendar year as requested, of which there are 327 crimes in total.

I have estimated that the time required to complete a manual review to locate and extract all information relevant to your request would significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request, by virtue of Section 12(1).

However, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18hour limit. This information provided below has been extracted from the Constabulary’s crime recording system.

Question 1-



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FY	Count of Records
FY 2021/22	98
FY 2022/23	114
FY 2023/24	115
Grand Total	327

Question 3-

All the above incidents were investigated by an officer. All incidents of theft from the person are recorded as crimes and are therefore investigated by an officer.

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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