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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 873/24 Abandoned Babies

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 30th September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

This request relates to cases of abandoned babies (infants under the age of 2) that have been investigated by your force over the last decade. Please include babies that have been found dead and alive.

1. *Please state the number of cases of infant abandonment that have been investigated by your force in each of the following years: a) 2015, b) 2016, c) 2017, d) 2018, e) 2019, f) 2020, g) 2021, h) 2022, i) 2023, j) 2024 so far.*
2. *If possible, for each case please provide the following information:*
 - a) *Was the infant found dead or alive?*
 - b) *What was the estimated age of the infant when discovered (in weeks/months)?*
 - c) *In what type of location was the infant found? (I.e., park / public toilet / hospital, rather than address)*

On receipt of your request, searches were undertaken on the Constabulary's Crime recording database for the offence 'Abandoning Children Under Two Years' (Offence Code 012/00) for the date parameters 01/01/2015 – 09/10/2024.

No reports were found to fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I have determined that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested.

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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