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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 898/24 Security breaches in Schools

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 7th of October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Seeking information regarding Security/Intruder breaches at Primary Schools and Secondary within Cumbria in the last 2years.

This should include any unauthorised visitors to the schools, aggressive parents/carers who have been able to access area's they have not had permission to be. Any suspicious persons around the grounds/perimeter.

A date or month and location please.

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. Within the Constabulary's incident recording system there isn't a specific opening code or incident type which could easily capture these types of incidents. A key word search of incidents would also not be possible in this case as there are too many possibilities with the terms that could be used. In the last 2 years, there were over 3000 incidents which took place at school premises, to locate and retrieve the information requested this would require a manual review of all these incidents.

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).

In accordance with the duty under Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), I regret to say that on this occasion I am unable to offer you any advice or assistance to help you to refine your request so that the time required would be within the "appropriate limit".



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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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