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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 312/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 12 March 2025
I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to make a freedom of information request for data held in relation to shoplifting offences recorded between January 2015 and the end of December 2024.

Question 1

Based on keyword searches, please provide me with offence and outcome data held for all shoplifting crimes involving the following items:

A) Menstrual products (a non-exhaustive list of relevant keywords would also include: feminine hygiene products, tampons, sanitary pads, Tampax, period products, Always pads, mooncup, panty liners)

B) Baby food or formula (a non-exhaustive list of relevant keywords would also include: baby milk, formula milk, baby milk powder, toddler milk, infant formula)

I would like the data to include a breakdown of the offences by:

- The calendar year the crime was recorded*
- Either the month or the calendar quarter the crime was recorded*
- The offence code*
- The name of the offence*
- Details recorded about the item(s) stolen*
- The outcome recorded, as per Home Office outcome types category (eg outcome 1 - charge/summons, outcome 2 - caution, etc)*
- The sex of the suspect*
- The officer defined ethnicity of the suspect, where available*
- The self reported ethnicity of the suspect, where available*
- The age of the suspect if possible, or the age group if not (eg under 10, 10-17, 18-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71+)*

The data table should follow the format of one row per offence recorded, with column headers consisting of the above bullet points (eg year, month/quarter etc). Please provide data for menstrual products and baby food separately, in separate tables.



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I would like the data provided in a machine readable format, as either an XLS spreadsheet or CSV. Please do not provide a PDF.

Question 2

As per the flagging process outlined in the Home Office Annual Data Requirement, please provide me with data held on offence and outcome data held for all shoplifting crimes where it has been flagged that the offence, suspect or victim was linked to modern slavery.

I would like the data to include a breakdown of the offences by:

- The calendar year the crime was recorded
- Either the month or the calendar quarter the crime was recorded
- The offence code
- The name of the offence
- Details recorded about the item(s) stolen
- Any details recorded about the circumstances of the slavery flag
- The outcome recorded, as per Home Office outcome types category (eg outcome 1 - charge/summons, outcome 2 - caution, etc)
- The sex of the suspect
- The officer defined ethnicity of the suspect, where available
- The self reported ethnicity of the suspect, where available
- The age of the suspect if possible, or the age group if not (eg under 10, 10-17, 18-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71+)

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Please see the attached which provides the relevant information requested.

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.

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.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

Yours sincerely,

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Public Access and Disclosure Decision Maker

Information Management

Digital Data & Technology Command

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The information for both question 1 and 2 of this request were obtained from our crime recording system.

A keyword search was undertaken using keywords of:-

feminine hygiene products, tampons, sanitary pads, Tampax, period products, Always pads, mooncup, panty liners, sanitary products, sanitary towels

baby food, baby milk, formula milk, baby milk powder, toddler milk, infant formula

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe the product, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

The results from the above search were then manually checked for relevance and are therefore are subject to the analyst's interpretation.

Question 1

**A) Number of shoplifting crimes recorded with keyword for sanitary products
between 01/01/2015 - 31/12/2024 showing calendar year and quarter, offence code
and name, and outcomes for those crime recorded**

	2019	2021	2023	Grand Total
Offence code and name	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr4	
046/00				

Stealing From Shops And Stalls (Shoplifting)				
Charge/summons	1		1	2
Community resolution		1		1
Grand Total	1	1	1	3

Details of identified suspects and offenders for those crime listed above:				
	2019	2021	2023	Grand Total
Gender	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr4	
Female	1	4		5
Male			1	1
Grand Total	1	4	1	6

	2019	2021	2023	Grand Total
Age Group	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr4	
Under 18		4		4
36-45	1			1
Not Recorded			1	1
Grand Total	1	4	1	6

	2019	2021	2023	Grand Total
Officer Defined Ethnicity	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr4	
not recorded/not known			1	1
White - North European	1	4		5
Grand Total	1	4	1	6

	2019	2021	2023	Grand Total
Ethnicity Description - self defined	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr4	
Not Stated			1	1
White - British	1	4		5
Grand Total	1	4	1	6

B) Number of shoplifting crimes recorded with keyword for baby food products between 01/01/2015 - 31/12/2024 showing calendar year and quarter, offence code and name, and outcomes for those crime recorded

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Offence code and name											
046/00											
Stealing From Shops And Stalls (Shoplifting).											
Charge/summons	1	4	2	1		1			1		10
Community resolution					1						1
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)					1						1
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available			2	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	13
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest					1					2	3
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action					1				1		2
Grand Total	1	4	4	2	7	2	2	1	4	3	30

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Items Stolen											
several tins of baby milk	1	2	2	2	3	1	2			1	14
baby food		1			1			1		1	4
box of milk powder					1				1	1	3
several tins of baby formula			1						1		2
baby milk						1			1		2
2 boxes baby formula					1						1
baby food, milk and nappies		1									1
several items of baby food and baby milk			1								1
baby milk and nappies		1									1
baby formula									1		1
box of baby milk					1						1
baby food and milk powder			1								1
Grand Total	1	4	4	2	7	2	2	1	4	3	30

Details of identified suspects and offenders for those crime listed above:

	2015	2016		2017		2018		2019			2020	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Gender	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr4	
not recorded/not known					1										1
Female	2			5	2			1		1	1	1	1		14
Male		4	3		2	1	1		1		1	1		1	15
Grand Total	2	4	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	30

	2015	2016		2017		2018		2019			2020	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Age Group	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr4	
18-25				4	2				1	1	1	1			10

26-35	1	3			2		1				1	1	1	1	11
36-45		1	3												4
46-55								1							1
Unknown	1			1	1	1									4
Grand Total	2	4	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	30

	2015	2016		2017		2018		2019			2020		2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Officer Defined Ethnicity	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1		Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr4	
Asian				1												1
Middle Eastern											1					1
not recorded/not known					1						1					2
White - North European	2	4	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1			2	1	1	26
Grand Total	2	4	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	30

	2015	2016		2017		2018		2019			2020		2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Ethnicity Description - self defined	Qtr1	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1		Qtr2	Qtr1	Qtr4	
not recorded/not known	1	1	1	3	3	1										10
Not Stated											1					1
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group											1					1
White - Any Other White Background				2	2											4
White - British	1	3	2				1	1	1	1			2	1	1	14
Grand Total	2	4	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	30

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Question 2

Please note we do not have a crime flag for modern slavery so we have provided all shoplifting crimes recorded where an individual is recorded on a modern slavery crime

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opportunities becoming available																											
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest			1				2				1	1	1				1								1	8	
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action										1		1														2	
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action		1				1				1					1			1	1	1						7	
Grand Total	6	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	3	7	7	2	4	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	5	3	102	

Details of items stolen:	
Items Stolen	
unknown	35
Alcohol	24
Meat	8
Clothing	4
Razors	4
Electronic Items	2
Coffee Machine	2
Food	2
Soft Drink	2
Vape	2
Deodorant	2
Pet Supplies	1
Bedding	1
Beauty Products	1
Washing gel	1
Candles	1
Card machine	1
Plant	1
Chocolate	1
Security Cameras	1
Cleaning Products	1
Decoration	1
Pain Relief	1
Perfume	1
Aftershave	1

Dog Food	1
Grand Total	102

Modern Slavery crime recorded details:	
Offence Details	
036/07	
Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour	13
036/08	
Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation	6
036/10	
Commit offence other than kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation	2
036/11	
Commit offence of kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation	1

Details of all suspects recorded on the shoplifting crimes recorded (there are a total of 25 individuals)																										
	2018	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				Grand Total
Gender	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
Female	6	2	1	1	1	1	1			3	1		1	1	1		1		1							22
Male	1	3	2			1	1	4	4	6	3	7	6	1	3	2		7	4	2	4	2	12	5	3	83
Grand Total	7	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	4	7	7	2	4	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	5	3	105
	2018	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				Grand Total
Age Group	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
Under 18	2	2	3	1	1	2	1			2	2	1	1	2	4					1	1	1		1		28
18-25		1								1									1							3
26-35	1	1							3			5	5			2		4	1							22
36-45		1						4	1	6	2	1	1					3	3	1	3	1	12	4	3	46
46-55	4						1										1									6
Grand Total	7	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	4	7	7	2	4	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	5	3	105

	2018	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				Grand Total
Officer Defined Ethnicity	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
Asian																								1		1
Black														1	2											3
White - North European	7	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	4	7	7	1	2	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	4	3	101

Grand Total	7	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	4	7	7	2	4	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	5	3	105
	2018	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				Grand Total
Ethnicity Description - self defined	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background			1												1									1		3
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean														1	2											3
White - British	7	5	2	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	4	7	7	1	1	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	4	3	99
Grand Total	7	5	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	9	4	7	7	2	4	2	1	7	5	2	4	2	12	5	3	105