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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 335/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 18 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding incidents of defibrillator theft within the jurisdiction of Cumbria Constabulary.

Please could you provide the following information for each calendar year from March 28 2023 to the present:

- The number of reported cases of defibrillator theft.***
- The number of defibrillators stolen in these incidents (if available).***
- Any relevant statistics on arrests, charges, or convictions related to these thefts (if available).***

If it is possible to break this data down by district, area, or location within your jurisdiction, that would be appreciated.

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.

1. The number of reported cases of defibrillator theft = 2
2. The number of defibrillators stolen in these incidents = 2
3. No arrests have been made.
4. The alleged thefts occurred in the Cumberland Policing Area.

The information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime Recording System and a keyword search using the term 'defib' has been used.

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



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by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

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.

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.

