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Dear XXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1196/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 8 August 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide data on all recorded theft offences between 1 January 2020 and the most recent available month in 2025 where the Modus Operandi (MO), item description, or any other searchable field contains the word “tool” or “tools”.

For each calendar year in this period, please provide:

- 1. The total number of such offences recorded.*
- 2. The offence type (e.g. burglary, theft from a vehicle, other theft).*
- 3. The broad location of the offence (e.g. town, city, or first half of postcode).*
- 4. The recorded outcome (e.g. charge, arrest, no suspect identified).*
- 5. If available, the total estimated value of tools reported stolen.*

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.

The number of offences where 'tool' was written in the MO, split down by offence subgroup and year

Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
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Aggravated Burglary - Business and Community					1		1
Attempted Burglary - Business and Community	5	5	3	5	1		19
Attempted burglary residential	11	2	1				14
Attempted Residential Burglary of a Home				1	2	2	5
Attempted Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building					1		1
Blackmail			2		1		3
Burglary business and community	35	47	39	25	31	21	198
Burglary residential	44	21	35	10			110
Interfering with a motor vehicle	2	3		5	1		11
Other theft	14	18	19	15	23	16	105
Residential Burglary of a Home				2	16	6	24
Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building				10	16	19	45
Shoplifting	4	4	7	5	8	1	29
Theft by an employee	3	2		2	3	1	11
Theft from a motor vehicle	47	28	13	7	20	13	128
Theft from automatic machine or meter		1	1	1	2		5
Theft in a dwelling other than from an automatic machine or meter	2				1		3
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	4	3	1	1	1	1	11
Theft or unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle		1		1			2

The number of each outcome of offences where 'tool' was written in the MO, split down by sector and year

Sector	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Carlisle and Wigton	52	33	27	25	27	15	179
Derwent and Eskdale	43	47	36	22	39	33	220
Furness	22	23	15	9	19	13	101
Kendal and Eden	53	32	42	33	34	17	211
Out of Force Area						1	1
Sector not selected					9	1	10



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Unknown	1		1	1			3
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The outcome of offences with 'tool' in the MO, broken down by year

Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
OC1	5	4	7	4	12	4	36
OC1A			2				2
OC2			1				1
OC3	1				1		2
OC4					1		1
OC8	1	1	2				4
OC14	6	9	13	4	5	7	44
OC15	20	20	12	6	15	4	77
OC16	7	4	1	3	4	4	23
OC18	128	94	83	73	86	50	514
OC21	3	3			1		7
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Outcome Code	Outcome Description	Positive/NFA
OC1	Charge/summons	Positive
OC1A	Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence	Positive
OC2	Caution - youths	Positive
OC2A	Youth Caution with Alternate Offence	Positive
OC3	Caution - adults	Positive
OC3A	Adult Caution with Alternate Offence	Positive
OC4	Taken into consideration	Positive
OC5	The Offender has Died (all offences)	NFA
OC6	Penalty Notice for Disorder	Positive
OC7	Cannabis warning	Positive



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OC8	Community resolution	Positive
OC9	Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	NFA
OC10	Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	NFA
OC11	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	NFA
OC12	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	NFA
OC13	Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	NFA
OC14	Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	NFA
OC15	Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	NFA
OC16	Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	NFA
OC17	Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	NFA
OC18	Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	NFA
OC19	National Fraud Intelligence Bureau Filed (NFIB ONLY)	NFA
OC20	Other Agency Delegations	NFA
OC21	Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest	NFA
OC22	Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	Positive
C1	Committed Outside Force Jurisdiction	
C2	No Notifiable Crime Committed	



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C3	Part Of Crime Already Recorded	
C4	Recorded As Crime In Error	
C5	CANCELLED: SELF DEFENCE CLAIMED (FOR SPECIFIC RECORDED ASSAULTS).	

Please note:-

- To provide the above information a query was used to bring back all crimes relating to burglary, theft or vehicle offences with the word 'tool' in the MO field.
- In terms of the location, sectors have been given to avoid any specific identifiable locations being given.
- Due to the unreliability of the Property Value field, the total estimated value of tools reported stolen has not been provided.
- The above information has been obtained from our crime recording system.

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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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



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