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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 751/25 Procurement Activities

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 21st July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am making a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about your organisation's procurement activities and contract opportunities.

Information Requested:

1. Current and Planned Procurements

- *Details of procurement exercises currently underway or planned within the next 12 months*
- *Estimated contract values and expected award dates*
- *Key service areas being procured (e.g., vehicles, equipment, IT systems, facilities)*

2. Contract Renewal Information

- *Major contracts (over £50,000 annual value) scheduled for renewal in the next 18 months*
- *Contract review dates and renewal processes*
- *Categories of services under contract*

Scope: Please provide information covering the period from [current date] to [18 months forward]. I understand that some operational details may be exempt for security reasons.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request, however, the Constabulary is not required to provide this information to you as the duty to do so does not apply by virtue of Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. This section applies because the time required to review the existing register as it currently stands, to assess the applicability of potential exemptions including but not limited to those referred to below and the time required to redact information, is burdensome.

- Section 31 – Law Enforcement
- Section 40 – Personal Information
- Section 43 – Commercial Interests

It is recognised that there is significant public interest in transparency concerning how public funds are spent and the Constabulary endeavours to comply with this when possible. To this end, limited details of over 80 contracts can be found on the Bluelight Portal [Sell2](#).

Additionally, and as alluded to above, an assessment of each contract would have to be made to assess whether disclosure of information would reveal operational and tactical capabilities available to the Constabulary, which would assist persons with criminal intent to avoid detection and/or whether disclosure would be likely to place the Constabulary at risk of cyber attacks



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resulting in denial of service or data loss. Due to the complex nature of some contracts these are assessments which cannot always be quickly made.

I have estimated that it would take over 50 hours to review those contracts about which details of which are recorded in the contracts register, to determine if the requested information would be subject to an exemption. As such, this would place a significant burden on the Constabulary which cannot be justified at this time.

In accordance with Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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

