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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1145/24 Illegal hunting

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 26th of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you answer the below questions relating to 2023

- 1. How many reports of illegal hunting is taking place were reported to the police?*
- 2. Of these reports how many were found to be in fact true?*
- 3. Of these reports how many ended up with a conviction or further investigations?*
- 4. How many times were officers deployed to reports of illegal hunting?*
- 5. How many reports of illegals hunting were reported by the LDNPA?*

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.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's incident recording and crime recording systems. Please note that a key word search has been conducted using the terms 'hunt' and 'poach'.

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

Question 1- How many reports of illegal hunting is taking place were reported to the police?

In 2023 Cumbria Constabulary received 126 reports of illegal hunting.

Question 2- Of these reports how many were found to be in fact true?

1 of the reports resulted in a charge.



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In 2 reports poaching equipment was seized on site.

Question 3-

Cumbria Constabulary do not hold information in relation to convictions, the Crown Prosecution service may be able to assist you with this part of your request.

8 of the reports had a further investigation and 1 of these reports resulted in a charge.

Question 4-

Officers attended 95 of the reports.

Question 5-

None of the reports were reported by the LDNPA.

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.



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