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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 49/25 Tool Theft

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 10th of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

*- How many reports of tool theft have you received each year since 2022?
(Please provide data break down for the total reported tool thefts in 2022, 2023 and 2024)*

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 Crime Recording system. A keyword search using the term 'DIY' has been used as the closest categorisation to 'tools' within our crime recording system is 'DIY/Trade items'.

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

Answer-

	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan	21	18	23	62
Feb	16	20	30	66
Mar	26	19	23	68
Apr	28	14	20	62
May	19	16	14	49
Jun	20	22	14	56
Jul	20	9	14	43
Aug	33	18	15	66
Sep	21	18	19	58
Oct	15	22	24	61



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Nov	19	17	11	47
Dec	8	26	15	49
Grand Total	246	219	222	687

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

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.



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