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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 599/25 Illegal supply and use of weight loss injections

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3rd June 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The main purpose of this request is to gather data on the illegal supply and use of weight loss injections. I am requesting the following data, covering the period from January 1, 2020, to the present (including partial data for 2025, if available):
Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:*

****Incidents and Investigations:****

*1. The number of recorded incidents or investigations involving the illegal sale, possession, or administration of weight loss injections from January 1st 2020, to the most recent available date
2. A breakdown of how many incidents occurred in each calendar year*

****Arrests and Outcomes:****

*2. The number of arrests made in connection with these incidents
2. The number of individuals charged or prosecuted as a result*

****Substances Involved:****

3. A list of weight loss substances involved in these cases, where recorded (e.g. semaglutide, liraglutide, or other prescription-only or unlicensed drugs).

Your request for information has been considered and I can advise you of the following.

A keyword search was conducted on Cumbria Constabulary's incident and crime recording systems to try and identify data relevant to your request. Keywords searched were:

- Weight loss injections
- Semaglutide
- Ozempic*, rybelsus, wegovy (these are brand names of drug listed above)
- Liraglutide
- Saxenda*, victoza (these are brand names of drug listed above)
- tirzepatide
- mounjaro (brand name of drug listed above)



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* Falsified preparations have been found in the UK (Nov 23) according to the BNF on www.nice.org.uk website (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence)

No records were found for incidents or crimes, or using keyword search (listed above) and for any cases under the Medicines Act 1968 within the Constabulary's Case System from 01/01/2020 onwards.

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.

