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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 118/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 27 January 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Please will you provide the following with separated information for the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025:

- 1. Any complaints you have received regarding prisoners being unable to access prescribed anti-depressant medication (for any length of time)*
- 2. Any other awareness you have of prisoners being unable to access prescribed anti-depressants (e.g. those you are aware of through any other means than a complaint being made)*
- 3. Which of these incidents were connected to the prisoner being transferred between prisons*

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.

Question 1

2021 – 0
2022 – 1
2023 – 1
2024 – 0
2025 (01-31 Jan) – 0

The above information has been obtained from our complaints recording system

Question 2

We have no other awareness of detainees not being able to access prescribed anti-depressants. We have Health Care Practitioners in the custody suites who provide medical reviews and would manage any required access to prescribed medications.

Question 3

No information held as we would not be involved in a prisoner being moved between prisons.



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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

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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