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Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 126/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28 January 2025
I note you seek access to the following information:

The number of cannabis farms your team seized in 2024.

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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.

	2023	2024	Grand Total
Total	43	28	71

The above information has been obtained from our crime recording system.

Please note the following:-

Crime Statistics reported as at a specific point in time, may change due to re-classification or cancellation of a Crime at a later date.

We do not classify Cannabis cultivation as Factories or Farms, we are only able to report on Offences which have been recorded as the offences of:-

- **Permitting Premises To Be Used For Unlawful Purposes. Class B Cannabis or**
- **Production Or Being Concerned In Production Of A Controlled Drug - Class B Cannabis**

These may include offences for a single plant located. It may also contain offences where equipment intended for the use of cultivation has been found, but no actual plants.



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Regarding seized drugs, it has been assumed that since a crime has been recorded, that the drugs have been seized.

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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