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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 140/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 31 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each calendar year, 2022; 2023; 2024:

- 1) How many full-time serving police officers and members of staff were subject to random drug testing?***
- 2) How many positive results were returned from random drug tests?***
- 3) How many positive results of each drug type (Class A, B, C) were returned by random drugs tests? (Please specify drug if information available)***
- 4) How many full-time serving police officers or members of staff were caught under the influence or possession of drugs (outside of random drug testing)?***
- 5) How many full-time serving police officers or members of staff were caught under the influence of alcohol while on-duty or before their shift?***
- 6) How many full-time serving police officers had their employment terminated following a positive drug test or found to be under the influence of alcohol?***

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.

- 1) 2022: 30 random tests – 28 officers, 2 staff members
2023: 59 random tests – 52 officers, 7 staff members
2024: 60 random tests – 42 officers, 18 staff members
- 2) 0 positive results in each year
- 3) 0 positive results in each year
- 4) 0 officers and 0 staff members
- 5) 2022 – 0
2023 – 1
2024 – 1
- 6) 2022 – 0
2023 – 0
2024 – 0



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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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