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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 177/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 6 February 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following from the start of 2020 until present:

1. *The number of Cannabis Farms/Factories discovered in your force area*
 - a. *A cannabis farm I'm defining as a place where over 25 plants are being grown*
2. *The number of arrests made*
3. *The nationalities of those arrested.*

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

A cannabis farm has been defined by a place where over 25 plants are being grown as you have requested, so please note this may exclude cases where an exact number of plants were not recorded

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan				1	1	2
Feb				1		1
Mar		1		2		3
Jun	1	1	1			3
Jul	1				2	3
Aug	1					1
Sep				1		1
Oct			1	2		3
Nov	1		2			3
Dec				1		1
Grand Total	4	2	4	8	3	21



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Question 2 and 3

We are not able to provide this information as our data does not link crimes to arrests, therefore the results from the manual review of cannabis farms cannot be accurately linked to those arrested and their nationalities.

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

Please note that the information provided has been as a result of relevant information being manually reviewed and are therefore subject to the Analyst's interpretation, knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.

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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