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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1483/25 Policing Football Costs

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 8th November 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each of the financial years from 2014/15 until 2024/25, and 2025/26 up to Nov 6, if available:

- 1. The total cost to the force of policing professional or semi-professional football matches (including league, cup and play-off fixtures and any associated match-day policing operations).*
- 2. The total amount invoiced to football clubs, stadium operators, or event organisers for policing these matches.*
- 3. The total amount actually received by the force from those invoices (i.e., money recovered from clubs or organisers).*
- 4. Any written policy, guidance, or procedure used by the force to determine when and how football clubs are charged for policing services.*

If precise annual figures are not held, please provide the best available estimates and describe how they were calculated.

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.

Question 1.

All costs to the force of policing professional or semi-professional football matches are not recorded. Only records for additional costs such as overtime or accommodation etc. are recorded. Most costs related to policing football are captured in day-to-day costs so there is no way to identify the total cost to the force. Therefore, the response to this question is no information held.

Question 2.

The total amount invoiced to football clubs, stadium operators, or event organisers for policing these matches is as follows:

2014/15 - 0.00

2015/16 - 34,544.36



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2016/17 - 50,371.80
2017/18 - 49,498.93
2018/19 - 2,135.09
2019/20 - 12,088.16
2020/21 - 0.00
2021/22 - 0.00
2022/23 - 0.00
2023/24 - 25,583.04
2024/25 - 29,705.92
2025/26 YTD - 8,051.70

Question 3.

Please see question 2.

Question 4.

Cumbria Constabulary follows the NPCC guidance on Special Police Services to determine when and how football clubs are charged for policing services.

This can be found at: [National Policing Guidelines](#)

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.

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The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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