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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 768/25 Procurement of “Less Lethal Equipment”

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 23rd July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

A list of all the new models or types of equipment classed as "less lethal equipment" (including but not limited to restraints, incapacitant sprays, Conducted Energy devices or tasers, and Attenuating Energy projectiles such as baton rounds) that your constabulary procured between January 2022 and March 2025.

Less lethal equipment or weaponry can be defined as equipment designed to incapacitate an individual or group, mitigating a threat without causing permanent or serious injury or death.

Could this be broken down by:

- The date of procurement.*
- The number of pieces of equipment procured.*
- The name of the company that the equipment was procured from.*

Clarification sought – 30/07/25

Can you please confirm what type of restraints you are referring to in your request.

Response – 06/08/25

I am referring to all types of restraints, including handcuffs and fast straps.

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.

The contracts for handcuffs and leg restraints were frameworks through BLC – 2022/23.

Leg Restraints - Company: Business Image

Procured 360 pairs of leg restraints over the 3-year period.

Handcuffs – Company: TLC

Procured 400 sets of Handcuffs.

PAVA Cannisters – Company: Civil Defence Supply

2022 - 500

2023 - 650

2024 – 400

2025 – 300



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TASER T7 devices - Company: Axon

2022 – 96

2023 – 0

2024 – 0

2025 – 0

AEP A3 Baton Rounds – Purchased through the Home Office

2022 - 264

2023 - 576

2024 – 336

2025 – 1344

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.

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The Information Commissioner
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Water Lane
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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