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In case of enquiry please
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Our Ref: FOI 021/20
Your Ref:

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Dear Ms Tusz,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email, which was received on 5 October 2020 by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Within your email you request information which is to be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act.

I note you seek the following information:

I write to you under the Freedom of Information act 2000 to request five pieces of evidence:

- 1. FOUNDATION EVIDENCE for the claim that all genus of cannabis meets the currently accepted criteria for a schedule 1 substance in its raw form.*
- 2. FOUNDATION EVIDENCE for the claim that cannabinoid preparations meet the currently accepted criteria for a schedule 1 substance.*
- 3. FOUNDATION EVIDENCE for the claim that cannabis is a 'controlled' substance in the UK and who is making that claim of control.*
- 4. FOUNDATION EVIDENCE for what is considered misuse of raw cannabis and its various preparations.*
- 5. The Clear Scientific Evidence of physical and mental harm and harm to communities, resultant from the use of cannabis to justify the class B penalty as per the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act.*

Your request has now been considered and I can advise that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner does not hold the information you seek.

Cumbria Constabulary may hold the information you have requested and you can contact them at:

Freedom of Information
Professional Standards Department
Police Headquarters
Carleton Hall, Penrith
Cumbria, CA10 2AU
Or alternatively e-mail: freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you have any issues or queries.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Hodgson

Governance Officer
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner



Peter McCall

CUMBRIA OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000
COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Cumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Cumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Appeals
Cumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Carleton hall
Penrith
Cumbria
CA10 2AU

In all possible circumstances Cumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will aim to respond to your complaint as soon as possible, and in any case within 2 months.

The Information Commissioner

If, after lodging a complaint with Cumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number