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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1035/24 Domestic Abuse Incidents

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 19th November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. The total number of domestic abuse incidents reported annually over the past five years (broken down by year).*
- 2. The number of arrests made in connection with domestic abuse incidents annually over the past five years.*
- 3. The number of charges, cautions, and no further action (NFA) outcomes resulting from these incidents.*
- 4. The number of reported incidents involving repeat offenders annually over the past five years.*

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.

To provide information relevant to your request, data was extracted from the Constabulary's Crime, Incident and Custody recording databases for all offences where Domestic Abuse has been flagged, for the date period 01/01/2020 – 20/11/2024.

Answer

1. The total number of DA incidents reported over the past 5 years.

Year	Incidents
2020	7,007
2021	7,204
2022	7,470



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2023	7,528
2024	7,287

2. The number of DA arrests

Year	Arrests
2020	2,418
2021	2,423
2022	2,439
2023	2,526
2024	2,714

Please note the arrest data provided in table 2 does not necessarily relate to the incidents provided in table 1 as the data has been provided based on date range and is not linked.

3. The number of charges/cautions/NFA outcomes resulting from these incidents

Year	Charges	Cautions	NFA
2020	688	166	3,438
2021	609	80	3,541
2022	582	59	3,843
2023	554	70	3,835
2024	452	72	3,048

Although the crime data in table 3 is linked with the incident data in table 2, please note that that there may be some DA flagged crimes that were not an incident prior to becoming a crime. Furthermore, not all incidents become crimes, and these will not have a home office outcome.

4. The number of incidents involving a repeat offender/suspect

Year	Incidents
2020	3,626
2021	3,704
2022	3,875



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2023	4,028
2024	4,069

The above data in table 4 has been calculated from Domestic abuse safeguarding reports based upon offenders/suspects who have had a previous Domestic abuse safeguarding report in the preceding 12 months. The data provided relates to the number of incidents and not the number of repeats offenders/suspects in that year. This may mean that one offender/suspect could be responsible for multiple incidents.

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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