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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1037/24 Non-Crime Hate 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 non-crime hate incidents recorded by your police force from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year.*
- 2. A breakdown of non-crime hate incidents recorded in your jurisdiction from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. The data should be categorised by type of perceived hate (e.g., race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, transgender identity etc.).*
- 3. Details of any follow-up actions taken by the police or other agencies in relation to non-crime hate incidents reported from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. For example, were any individuals referred to support services?*
- 4. Provide anonymised demographic data (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity) of individuals involved in non-crime hate incidents recorded between January 1st, 2019 to the current date. This should include both complainants and alleged offenders.*
- 5. How many non-crime hate incidents were recorded in your jurisdiction involving online or social media activity between January 1st, 2019 to the current date?*
- 6. How many non-crime hate incidents reported between January 1st, 2019 to the current date were later reclassified as criminal offences?*

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.

Information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime system where Non-Crime Hate Incidents which are recorded at the point of contact to reflect their importance and to improve oversight/accuracy should any of them progress to a recorded Hate Crime.



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Please note that Hate Incidents may also include perceived prejudices that do not meet the HMIC recognised 5Strands of Prejudice of Race, Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Transphobia i.e., Age, Gender etc.

Hate Crime Flags and Contributory Factors are manually applied by the Officer recording the incident and are based on multiple factors including the victims' personal circumstances and nature of the report. Hate Crime Flags for individual Prejudicial Strands can also be applied to one or more than one strands and therefore the number of Flags may not match the count of individual reports.

Information relevant to your request has been provided on the attached PDF.

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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1. The total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded by Cumbria Constabulary from 01/11/19 to 20/11/24, broken down by calendar year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Count of Crime number	109	120	133	129	63	78	632

2. A breakdown of non-crime hate incidents recorded from 01/11/19 to 20/11/24 perceived by hate strand (e.g., race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, transgender identity etc.).

Count of Crime Number							
Row Labels	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Disability	18	19	12	13	3	2	67
Disability & Homophobic	1		1				2
Disability & Transphobic				1			1
Faith	6	8	6	3	3	2	28
Homophobic	21	12	23	21	8	10	95
Homophobic & Transphobic	1		3	1			5
Not Specified			29	18	20	18	85
Racial	55	74	53	63	26	38	309
Racial & Disability & Homophobic		1					1
Racial & Faith	1	2	2	2	1	1	9
Racial & Homophobic			1	1		2	4

Racial & Homophobic & Faith						1	1
Transphobic	6	4	3	6	2	4	25
Total	109	120	133	129	63	78	632

3. Count of Safeguarding referrals made in relation to non-crime hate incidents reported from 01/01/19 – 20/11/24.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Count of Crime Number	10	34	25	22	16	32	139

Please note that in relation to the above data in table 3, referrals are processed by our Public Protection Unit/Safeguarding where any relevant onward external support agencies referrals are made or where any further police support can be offered.

4. Demographic data (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity) of individuals involved in non-crime hate incidents recorded between 01/01/19 – 20/11/24.

Victim Demographics

Victim Ethnicity Description

Count of Crime Number							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
(blank)	3	2	5	43	58	62	173
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	15	7	4	3	1		30
Asian - Bangladeshi				1			1
Asian - Indian	3	1		1			5
Asian - Pakistani		1	1				2
Black - African		3	2	1		3	9
Black - Any Other Black Background	1	2	1	2		1	7

Black - Caribbean	1		1				2
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	4	1	2				7
Mixed - White and Asian	1	1		1			3
Not Stated	20	34	32	23	2	8	119
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	5	1	1	3			10
Other - Chinese	2	5	1	2			10
White - Any Other White Background	4	6	10	1			21
White - British	47	44	64	42	2	3	202
Grand Total	106	108	124	123	63	77	601

- 'Blank' Ethnicities represent 173 group/community targeted offences

Victim Gender

Count of Crime Number							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
(blank)	3	2	5	43	58	62	173
Female / Transgender Female	35	38	45	25	3	7	153
Indeterminate	1						1
Male / Transgender Male	64	65	70	45	2	8	254
Not Specified	2	1		4			7
Unknown	1	2	4	6			13
Total	106	108	124	123	63	77	601

- 'Blank' Gender represent 173 group/community targeted offences

Victim Age Grouping

Count of Crime Number							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
=<10	3	2	1				6
11-19	4	10	14	12		2	42
20-34	32	28	34	19	2	4	119
35-44	18	27	25	22	2	4	98
45-54	21	17	21	9		2	70
55-64	14	8	7	11	1	2	43
65-74	3	5	3			1	12
75+	1	1	2	1			5

Group/Community	3	2	5	43	58	62	173
Unknown	7	8	12	6			33
Total	106	108	124	123	63	77	601

Suspect / Offender / Demographics

Suspect Age Grouping

Count of Crime Number							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
=<10		3	1				4
11-19	7	13	18	17	1	2	58
20-34	10	15	13	4	1	3	46
35-44	10	8	14	13	1	1	47
45-54	8	11	11	8		1	39
55-64	3	15	5	6	1	1	31
65-74	4	6	6	1		2	19
75+	2	2	4	3			11
Unknown	65	47	61	77	59	68	377
Total	109	120	133	129	63	78	632

Please note that there may be more than one suspect associated to a report

Suspect Ethnicity Description

Count of Crime Number							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Asian - Bangladeshi	1						1
Black - African			3				3
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background		1					1
Mixed - White and Black African		1					1
Not Stated	6	19	19	9		3	56
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group				1			1
Unknown	62	46	59	77	59	67	370
White - Any Other White Background	1		1	2			4
White - British	39	53	51	40	3	8	194
White - Irish					1		1
Total	109	120	133	129	63	78	632

Suspect Gender

Count of Crime Number							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Female / Transgender Female	12	24	23	23	2	3	87
Male / Transgender Male	33	50	50	29	2	8	172
Unknown	64	46	60	77	59	67	373
Grand Total	109	120	133	129	63	78	632

5. Data relates to the number of non-crime hate incidents recorded by Cumbria Constabulary involving online or social media activity between 01/01/19 to 20/11/24

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Count of Crime Number	13	21	17	10	4	8	73

Please note that cyber crime flags are manually applied by the recording officer and therefore there may be some reports which have not been captured in the above table, by using the filter 'Is Cyber Crime True'

6. Table relates to the number of non-crime hate incidents reported between 01/01/19 to 20/11/24 which were later reclassified as criminal offences?

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Count of Crime Number	42	32	40	22	18	20	174