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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1066/24 Restraining orders to protect adult children from parents.

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 26th of November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide data on the number of recorded incidents of restraining orders taken out by adult children on one, or both, of their parents between 1st January 2021 and 20th November 2024.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To locate and retrieve all the information you seek it would be necessary to undertake a manual review of all restraining order records held by the Constabulary for the period requested. These records would also need to be cross referenced with any other associated records held to determine if the restraining order concerned the protection of adult children from one, other or both of their parents.

It has been established that there are a total of 1122 records that cover the period of your request. I have estimated that the time required to complete a manual review to locate and extract all information relevant to your request would significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request, by virtue of Section 12(1).

In accordance with the duty under Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), I regret to say that on this occasion I am unable to offer you any advice or assistance to help you to refine your request so that the time required would be within the “appropriate limit”.

Complaint Rights

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



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



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