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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1082/24 – Arrests under Public Order Act 2023**

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

*My request relates to police use of new powers to police protests, passed in the [Public Order Act 2023](#).*

*The list of offence codes 2023 has not been updated to include the new powers, so I am using the section name in the legislation to define each law.*

*Please note my request has six parts.*

(1)

*Between 03/05/2023 and 28/11/2024, how many arrests has your force made under Part One, Section One of the Public Order Act 2023 - the offence of locking on.*

*For each arrest, please provide the ethnicity of the suspect. Please provide these as totals (e.g. White British = 5; Black Caribbean = 2).*

(2)

*Between 03/05/2023 and 28/11/2024, how many arrests has your force made under Part One, Section two of the Public Order Act 2023 - offence of being equipped for locking on.*

*For each arrest, please provide the ethnicity of the suspect. Please provide these as totals (e.g. White British = 5; Black Caribbean = 2).*

(3)

*Between 02/07/2023 and 28/11/2024, how many arrests has your force made under Part One, Section six of the Public Order Act 2023 - obstruction of major transport works*

*For each arrest, please provide the ethnicity of the suspect. Please provide these as totals (e.g. White British = 5; Black Caribbean = 2).*

(4)

*Between 02/07/2023 and 28/11/2024, how many arrests has your force made under Part One, Section seven of the Public Order Act 2023 - interfering with use or operation of key infrastructure*



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*For each arrest, please provide the ethnicity of the suspect. Please provide these as totals (e.g. White British = 5; Black Caribbean = 2).*

*(5)*

*Between 20/12/2023 and 28/11/2024, how many times has your force used stop and search without suspicion powers allowed for under Section 11 - powers to stop and search without suspicion, of the Public Order Act 2023?*

*For each use of the powers, please provide the ethnicity of the suspect. Please provide these as totals (e.g. White British = 5; Black Caribbean = 2).*

*(6)*

*Between 20/12/2023 and 28/11/2024, how many arrests has your force made under Part One, Section 14 of the Public Order Act 2023 - offences relating to Section 11*

*For each arrest, please provide the ethnicity of the suspect. Please provide these as totals (e.g. White British = 5; Black Caribbean = 2).*

On receipt of your request, searches were undertaken for arrests or stop searches under the legislation and for the dates specified in your request.

I can confirm that nil reports are held by Cumbria Constabulary.

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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