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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 972/24 Osman Warnings

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 30th of October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. How many threats to life warnings have you given since 1st January 2020?*
- 2. Of those threats to life notices given since 2020, how many were for under 18s?*
- 3. Of the threat to life warnings issues to under 18, how many were threats from other under 18s?*
- 4. Did any under 18s receive more than one threat to life warning?*
- 5. What is the gender split of the threat to life notices given to under 18s?*

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. There is a period within the timeframe requested where Cumbria Constabulary did not record all Osman warnings on one system. In addition to this, the systems used to record Osman warnings do not allow the Constabulary to easily recover the information requested, therefore it would be necessary to complete a manual review of all Osman warning cases for the period requested.

I have estimated that the time required to review each case and relevant associated records will 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”.



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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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