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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 978/24 Illegal streaming

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 31st of October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please answer the below questions for the following time periods: The calendar years of 2021, 2022 and 2023, and the time period between 1 January 2024 and 31 October 2024.

- 1) *How many crimes were recorded for illegal streaming (i.e. people who watch pirated content - such as TV shows, sport matches and films - in their homes) over the requested period?
Please specify the offences and tell me how many of the crimes you recorded resulted in charges (telling me the reason why the charges were not brought in the relevant cases).*
- 2) *Please also tell me, for the investigations that led to a charge, what the content the person was illegally streaming was (sports, TV shows, films etc) and tell me how they accessed the unauthorised content (i.e. was it from free streaming sites, an app, TV sticks, modified boxes etc), if there is time to do so under the act.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary do not hold any information relevant to your request.

Cumbria Constabulary have recorded incidents of viewing illegally streamed content as a non-notifiable summary only offence, therefore no crimes have been recorded for this type of offence in the Constabulary's Crime Recording system.

In keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can advise you that information regarding any charges and prosecutions for this type of offence may be held by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) therefore contacting the CPS directly may assist you with your request.

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.



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



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