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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 223/25 ‘Hindu’ crimes

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 17th of February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *A list of crimes and offences recorded over the past five years (2018–2023 inclusive) that are associated with or contain the word "Hindu" in relation to any of the following:*
 - *The nature of the crime/offence or its stated or supposed motive/reason*
 - *The identity or motivation of the perpetrator*
 - *The identification of the victim*
2. *For each relevant case, please include:*
 - *The category/type of crime or offence*
 - *A brief description of the nature of the incident*
 - *The location (general area, such as city/town)*
 - *The number of individuals involved (both perpetrators and victims)*
 - *The outcome of the case (e.g., charge, conviction, ongoing investigation)*

In addition to the above I refer to your clarification email received on the 17th of February with the following.

I do apologize regarding the below as it contains a mistake:

The time periods to consider are not until 2023 but should read: 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2024

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. A key word search using the term 'hindu' was conducted when searching crime notes however no information relevant to your request was located through this method. The data provided has been located by searching the aggrieved religion recording field, please note this may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary as if this recording field has not been completed any such records would not be identified.

Answer –



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Please note that the Constabulary do not hold information relevant to your request for the years 2020, 2022 and 2024.

The nature of the crime/offence or its stated or supposed motive/reason

	2021	2023	Grand Total
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment	1	1	2
Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress	1	1	2
Grand Total	2	2	4

The location (general area, such as city/town)

	2021	2023	Grand Total
Westmorland and Furness		2	2
Cumberland	2		2
Grand Total	2	2	4

The number of individuals involved (both perpetrators and victims)

	2021	2023	Grand Total
Westmorland and Furness		2	2
Cumberland	2		2
Grand Total	2	2	4

The outcome of the case (e.g., charge, conviction, ongoing investigation)

	2021	2023	Grand Total
Charge/summons	1		1
Charge/Summoned with Alternate Offence	1		1
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action		2	2
Grand Total	2	2	4

A brief description of the nature of the incident

	2021	2023	Grand Total
OFFENDER HAS CONTINUALLY USED ABUSIVE AND INSULTING LANGUAGE DIRECTED AT VICTIM, IT IS THE VICTIMS BELIEF THAT HE IS BEING TARGETTED BASED ON HIS RACE AND RELIGION		2	2



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offender has commented about the victims bindi and told the victim to go back to their own country, coursing H / A/ D	1		1
Over two or more occasions the offender has made comments about the victims bindi and told them to go back to their own country	1		1
Grand Total	2	2	4

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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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



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