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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 372/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 25 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. What is the number of prostitution cases taken to court each year between 2014-2024 (in the last 10 years)? (and with a breakdown of the specific charges)***
- 2. How many people have been arrested for soliciting sex work each year between 2014-2024 (in the last 10 years)?***
- 3. How many prostitute cautions were issued each year between 2014-2024 in? (In the last 10 years)***
- 4. How many reports of violence/abuse against sex workers were filed each year between 2014-2024 (in the last 10 years)?***
- 5. Are there any problem profiles in relation to sex work or soliciting sex work, and could access to these be made available?***

Your request for information has now been considered for information held within Cumbria, not South Yorkshire, and I can confirm that 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.

Question 1

Answer = 0

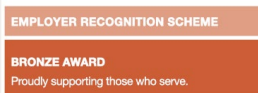
Question 2

The number of people arrested for soliciting in sex work
between 01/01/2014 - 31/12/2024

Year	Total
2018	1
Grand Total	1

The information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system for the offence 'Soliciting Person in a street or public place for the purpose of obtaining sexual services from them as a prostitute' (167/01) for the date period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2024.

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.

Question 3

Answer = 0

Question 4

The Constabulary also does not hold any reports of violent abuse against sex workers as 'sex work' as an occupation was not found within our records. Accordingly, I have determined that the Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in Question 4.

Please note that there is no obligation for a person working within the sex industry to provide their occupation to the Constabulary.

Question 5

I can advise that the Constabulary does not have a profile on sex work/soliciting sex work therefore again I have determined that the Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in Question 5.

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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