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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 373/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 26 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

The number of arrests made at Kendal Calling Festival in 2022, 2023, and 2024, broken down by arresting offence.

Would it be possible to also provide the total number of individuals arrested at Kendal Calling for each year (2022, 2023, and 2024)? I understand that individuals can be arrested for multiple offences, so it would be helpful to confirm whether the figures provided reflect unique individuals or arrest events.

Where possible, please use Home Office offence classifications for consistency across police forces.

For each year (2022, 2023, and 2024), please provide data for the duration of the festival, including any days before/after if arrests are recorded in connection with the event.

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.

Year	Offence Name	Distinct number of arrests	Distinct number of individuals arrested
2022	Assault by beating	1	1
2022	Attempt to rape a woman 16 or over - SOA 2003	4	4
2022	Common assault	1	1
2022	Concerned in the supply ketamine	2	2
2022	Criminal damage to property valued under £5000	1	1
2022	Drunk and disorderly in a public place	1	1
2022	Fail to provide specimen for analysis - vehicle driver	1	1
2022	Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Ketamine	1	1
2022	Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Other	2	2



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2022	Racially / religiously aggravated common assault / beating	1	1
2022	Sexual assault on a female	4	4
2022 Total		11	11
2023	Assault by beating	1	1
2023	Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit	1	1
2023	Intentional strangulation	1	1
2023	Rape a girl aged 13 / 14 / 15 - SOA 2003	1	1
2023	Sexual assault on a male	1	1
2023	Theft from a motor vehicle	1	1
2023	Theft from the person of another	4	4
2023 Total		8	8
2024	Cause assault / ill treatment / neglect / abandonment of child / young person to cause unnecessary suffering / injury	1	1
2024	Common assault	2	1
2024	Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit	2	2
2024	Exposure - SOA 2003	1	1
2024	Intentional strangulation	3	2
2024	Possess a class C controlled drug	2	2
2024	Possess a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine	1	1
2024	Possess a controlled drug of Class A - MDMA	1	1
2024	Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis / Cannabis Resin	2	2
2024	Possess a controlled drug of Class B - Ketamine	1	1
2024	Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine	1	1
2024	Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Other	7	7
2024 Total		15	14
Grand Total		34	33

The information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's Custody Recording System. A keyword search using the terms 'Kendal Calling', 'Lowther Park' and 'Lowther Deer Park' has been used. All dates around the Festival were included to capture any arrests associated/connected to Kendal Calling.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe the Kendal Calling Festival, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.



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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

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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