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1 May 2025

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 421/25**

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 7 April 2025.  
I note you seek access to the following information:

***This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law).***

***Please provide the following data from 2014 up until the most current date available, broken down by calendar year.***

***If data as early as 2014 is not available, please provide it from the first available date onwards.***

***Please provide annual totals of:***

- 1. All applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme***
- 2. "Right to know" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme***
- 3. The number of disclosures made after a "right to know" application***
- 4. "Right to ask" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme***
- 5. The number of disclosures made after a right to ask application***
- 6. The number of disclosures made within 28 days of a "Right to ask" application***
- 7. The number of disclosures made after 28 days of a "Right to ask" application***
- 8. The longest time it took for a "right to ask" disclosure to be provided***

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.

I note that within your request you have stated that you are content to receive information from the first available date within the timescale requested. I am therefore providing information from 1 July 2015 to 28 February 2025 inclusive, as detailed below:

### **Question 1**

#### **All applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**

| Year | All applications |
|------|------------------|
| 2015 | 50               |



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| 2016               | 158         |
| 2017               | 253         |
| 2018               | 293         |
| 2019               | 310         |
| 2020               | 509         |
| 2021               | 696         |
| 2022               | 595         |
| 2023               | 561         |
| 2024               | 857         |
| 2025               | 256         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>4538</b> |

## **Question 2**

**"Right to know" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**

| Year               | Right to know applications |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 2015               | 40                         |
| 2016               | 134                        |
| 2017               | 226                        |
| 2018               | 260                        |
| 2019               | 233                        |
| 2020               | 426                        |
| 2021               | 591                        |
| 2022               | 465                        |
| 2023               | 447                        |
| 2024               | 613                        |
| 2025               | 177                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>3612</b>                |

## **Question 3**

**The number of disclosures made after a "right to know" application**

| Year               | Right to know disclosures |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 2015               | 18                        |
| 2016               | 96                        |
| 2017               | 168                       |
| 2018               | 171                       |
| 2019               | 147                       |
| 2020               | 259                       |
| 2021               | 432                       |
| 2022               | 281                       |
| 2023               | 298                       |
| 2024               | 390                       |
| 2025               | 86                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>2346</b>               |



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#### **Question 4**

#### **"Right to ask" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**

| Year               | Right to ask applications |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 2015               | 10                        |
| 2016               | 24                        |
| 2017               | 27                        |
| 2018               | 33                        |
| 2019               | 77                        |
| 2020               | 83                        |
| 2021               | 105                       |
| 2022               | 130                       |
| 2023               | 114                       |
| 2024               | 244                       |
| 2025               | 79                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>926</b>                |

#### **Question 5**

#### **The number of disclosures made after a right to ask application**

| Year               | Right to ask |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 2015               | 2            |
| 2016               | 9            |
| 2017               | 18           |
| 2018               | 17           |
| 2019               | 25           |
| 2020               | 42           |
| 2021               | 50           |
| 2022               | 51           |
| 2023               | 57           |
| 2024               | 108          |
| 2025               | 37           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>416</b>   |

#### **Question 6**

#### **The number of disclosures made within 28 days of a "Right to ask" application**

| Year | Right to Ask disclosure within 28-days |
|------|----------------------------------------|
| 2015 | 2                                      |
| 2016 | 7                                      |
| 2017 | 12                                     |
| 2018 | 10                                     |
| 2019 | 6                                      |
| 2020 | 23                                     |
| 2021 | 30                                     |
| 2022 | 19                                     |
| 2023 | 45                                     |
| 2024 | 82                                     |
| 2025 | 37                                     |



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| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>273</b> |
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### **Question 7**

**The number of disclosures made after 28 days of a "Right to ask" application**

| <b>Year</b>        | <b>Right to Ask disclosure after 28-days</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 2015               | 0                                            |
| 2016               | 2                                            |
| 2017               | 6                                            |
| 2018               | 7                                            |
| 2019               | 19                                           |
| 2020               | 19                                           |
| 2021               | 20                                           |
| 2022               | 32                                           |
| 2023               | 12                                           |
| 2024               | 26                                           |
| 2025               | 0                                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>143</b>                                   |

### **Question 8**

**The longest time it took for a "right to ask" disclosure to be provided**

133 days

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.

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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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