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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 444/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 14 April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you provide me with the following under the freedom of information act:

- 1. The number of times your force has contacted a school following an incident of domestic abuse, as per Operation Encompass, since the act became statutory on 24 May 2024.***
- 2. How long it took for the school to be contacted after each of these domestic abuse incidents were attended by police.***

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary. However, to locate and retrieve all the data you request in Question 2, it would be necessary to undertake a manual review of all domestic abuse incidents that police attended since Operation Encompass became law, to identify the time taken to contact the school(s) concerned in relation to each incident. Although we aim to update the school(s) on the same day of the incident, to provide each individual time for every case, as per your request, I have estimated the time required to extract the relevant information from the data will exceed the “appropriate limit” as there are almost 5,000 incidents within the time frame requested.

The ‘appropriate limit’ is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information, if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request will exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

However, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18-hour limit.



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Question 1

The number of times your force has contacted a school following an incident of domestic abuse, as per Operation Encompass, since the act became statutory on 24 May 2024.

School Term	Disclosure
Summer Term 2024 (from 24.05.24)	1,757
Summer Holidays 2024	692
Autumn Term 2024	1,628
Spring Term 2025	884
Grand Total	4,961

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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