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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 578/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28 May 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Do you have a 'working relationship' with the vigilante group, CHILD ONLINE SAFETY TEAM (COST), or any other vigilante groups?

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you of the following:

Answer:

Cumbria Constabulary do not have a “working relationship” with the Child Online Safety Group.

Cumbria Constabulary does not encourage or endorse the activity of OCAGs and will not collaborate with such groups.

Cumbria Constabulary will always act positively in response to any credible information that a person has been involved in the abuse of a child or attempted to be involved in such abuse. This may include information provided by an OCAG, which will be dealt with as a call for service with an incident log, THRIVE assessment and appropriate deployment.

If you do have any issues or queries relating to this response, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification.

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.

