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Dear

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 808/24 Crimes involving under 18's**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please provide the following?*

1. *The number of crimes involving individuals under the age of 18, either as suspects or victims in the last three years? [Between April 6 - April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023,24] Can the figures be broken down by year and separated by the number of victims and the number of suspects.  
1a) Of those, how many pertain to violent crimes? Broken down by year and separated by victim / suspect.*

*\*By violent crimes, I refer to any act that physically harms or threatens to harm another person, or includes the use of a weapon. Such as assault, gun/knife crimes, sexual violence etc.*

2. *For the last year alone [Between April 6- April 5 2023/24], can you provide the 10 most common crimes/offences involving under 18s (as either suspects or victims). Can you include the name of the offence and the number of offences.*

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.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. Please note that all offences under the umbrella of 'violent crime' have been included within the search, however not all of these will be represented within the data. It should also be noted that the data for both suspects and offenders are included within suspect data and have not been separated.

Question 1- *The number of crimes involving individuals under the age of 18, either as suspects or victims in the last three years? [Between April 6 - April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023,24]*



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VICTIMS	
Year	Volume
2021/22	4,655
2022/23	4,801
2023/24	4,254

SUSPECTS	
Year	Volume
2021/22	4,553
2022/23	4,865
2023/24	4,499

Question 1a- Of those, how many pertain to violent crimes? Broken down by year and separated by victim / suspect.

VICTIMS	
Year	Volume
2021/22	4,445
2022/23	4,522
2023/24	3,994

SUSPECTS	
Year	Volume
2021/22	3,362
2022/23	3,498
2023/24	3,090

Question 2- For the last year alone [Between April 6- April 5 2023/24], can you provide the 10 most common crimes/offences involving under 18s (as either suspects or victims). Can you include the name of the offence and the number of offences.

Offence	Volume
Common Assault And Battery.	1555
Assaults Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm.	927
Harassment	389
Causing Intentional Harassment, Alarm Or Distress.	385
Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	344
Cruelty To Or Neglect Of Children.	284
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety	239
Other Criminal Damage to a Dwelling valued under £5000	173
Stealing From Shops And Stalls (Shoplifting).	137
Other Criminal Damage, Other valued under £5000	133

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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