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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 817/24 Information requests to Meta

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 9th September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information for the period 2019 to 2024 for Cumbria Constabulary. If possible, please present the information in six-month sections. So, in total this would be

- Jan-Jun 2019
- Jul-Dec 2019
- Jan-Jun 2020
- Jul-Dec 2020
- Jan-Jun 2021
- Jul-Dec 2021
- Jan-Jun 2022
- Jul-Dec 2022
- Jan-Jun 2023
- Jul-Dec 2023
- Jan-Jun 2024

1. The total number of investigations began by Cumbria Constabulary within those periods
2. The total number of investigations by Cumbria Constabulary within those periods, in which information to support prosecution, other than that which is already in the public domain, was requested from the company Meta, or any of its subsidiaries or trading names.
3. The total number of investigations by Cumbria Constabulary within those periods, in which any of the information requested in point 3 was subsequently provided by Meta.
4. The total number of requests by Cumbria Constabulary, within those periods, made to Meta for any information other than that in the public domain.
5. Of the requests in point 4, how many were successful for each period?

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To identify if Meta provided information requested by Cumbria Constabulary and if the investigations were successful or not, this would require each individual SPOC who had made a request undertaking a manual review of each request made for the periods stated.



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Due to number of records that each SPOC would have to individually review I have estimated that the time required to review each request and relevant associated records will significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. 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 would 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, by virtue of Section 12(1).

In accordance with the duty under Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), I regret to say that on this occasion I am unable to offer you any advice or assistance to help you to refine your request so that the time required would be within the “appropriate limit”.

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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