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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 832/24 CONTROLLING AND COERCIVE BEHAVIOUR, POST SEPARATION**

I refer to your request for information which was initially received by Cumbria Constabulary on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

*How many reports of coercive control post separation have been reported and how many have been actioned?*

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, in response to our request for clarification, you advised:

*It is my understanding that coercive control post separation became a crime early in 2023, therefore the timeframe would be from then until the present. For clarity, I am referring to continued abuse beyond the end of the relationship.*

*In terms of actioned, I mean a suspect was charged with an offence, leading to a prosecution.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided below has been extracted from records held on the Constabulary's Crime Recording system relating to the offence of 'Engaging in Controlling or Coercive behaviour'. Please note there is no specific offence classification which relates solely to post-separation controlling and coercive behaviour and therefore to retrieve information relevant to your request, crime reports recorded for 'controlling and coercive behaviour' over the time period specified in your request have been reviewed to identify those reports where the relationship status of the victim and suspect/offender was recorded as: *Relationship (ex partner/boyfriend/girlfriend)* and where it was reported the controlling or coercive behaviour had continued after a relationship had ended.

1. Between April 2023 and August 2024, 40 crime reports for Controlling and Coercive behaviour were recorded, where it was reported the behaviour had continued beyond the end of a relationship.



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2. Of the reports referred to above, 3 reports have so far resulted in a person being charged with an offence. Please note, however, that due to the recent nature of many of these reports, not all investigations have been completed.

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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