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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 861/24 SUSPECTED VICTIM SUICIDES

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24th September 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Can I please request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

*1. How many Suspected Victim Suicides (SVSDA) as defined by the National Police Chief's Council have been recorded by your force in the last three years?
Please provide annual breakdown from Sept 2021- till the most recent date of your last recording.*

*a) Of these SVSDA cases, how many cases had a forensic post mortem?
Please provide annual breakdown from Sept 2021- till the most recent date of your last recording*

*2. Of the SVSDA cases recorded by your force in the last three years (Sept 2021 – till most recent date of your recording), how many resulted in a criminal investigation being opened?
Please provide annual breakdown from Sept 2021- till the most recent date of your last recording*

*a) Of those SVSDA cases where a criminal investigation was opened, under what categories were these investigations finalised?
Please give results by outcome type as classified by the Home Office (See: Outcome Types) & annual breakdown*

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 below has been extracted from records held within the Constabulary's Public Protection Unit.



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1. The below table shows the number of suspected victim suicides recorded within the years specified in your request.

Year	No. of suspected victim suicides recorded
01/09/21 – 31/08/22	4
01/09/22 – 31/08/23	5
01/09/23 – 31/08/24	0

- 1a. Of the suspected victim suicides referred to above, no cases resulted in a forensic post-mortem taking place.
2. The below table shows the number of investigations commenced within the years specified in your request.

Year	No. of Investigations arising from a suspected victim suicide
01/09/21 – 31/08/22	1
01/09/22 – 31/08/23	2
01/09/23 – 31/08/24	0

- 2a. Of the investigations referred to above, only one investigation, which commenced between 01/09/21 and 31/08/22, has been finalised. The Outcome Type recorded at the conclusion of that investigation was: Outcome 18 - *Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available.*

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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