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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 876/24 Mental Health related Homicide

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 30th of September. I note you seek access to the following information:

My question is 'How does mental health affect the rate of homicides in the whole of the UK and different countries?' and I was wondering if I would be able to get data on how many people who committed homicide was suffering with mental health issues during the time period of January 2019 to January 2023.

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. A search was conducted for all homicides (manslaughter and murder offences) where the 'is Mental Health Related' flag was recorded as 'True'.

Answer-

Number of recorded Homicides with 'Is Mental Health Related' flag relating to offender/suspect between 01/01/2019 - 31/01/2023

3 recorded Homicides, all for the offence of 'murder'.

In keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can advise you that the Crown Prosecution Service may hold further information on a defendant if Mental Health issues are raised during the court hearing/ plea and therefore may be able to assist you with this request.

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.

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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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