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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 882/24 Charges ‘Grindr’ offences

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 1st of October 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

For crimes reported between 01/01/2019 and 11/08/2024 that include the word "Grindr" (referring to the dating app only) AND whereby the alleged victim of the offence was under the age of 18, please provide how many people were:

- 1. charged with an offence (and if so, for what),*
- 2. sentenced (and if so, for how long).*

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 in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. Please note that a keyword search using the term 'Grindr' has been conducted, followed by a manual search of the results to ensure only those relating to the Grindr app were included.

Question 1-

The number of people charged with an offence in which "Grindr" was included within the crime notes as well as the victim being under the age of 18.

Offence	Total charged
Arranging Or Facilitating The Commission Of A Child Sex Offence	2
Engage in sexual communication with a child	1
Meeting, or travelling with the intention of meeting, a male child, in any part of the world, following sexual grooming etc (Offender Is Aged 18 or Over & Victim Is Under 16)	1
Grand Total	4

Question 2-



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I can advise you that Cumbria Constabulary do not hold information regarding the length of sentences received. I would like to direct you to the Crown Prosecution Service who would be best placed to answer this part of your 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.

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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