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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 288/25**

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 7 March 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

***I would like to request the following data on corrosive offences between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024 inclusive in the Cumbria area.***

- 1. The number of offences that were recorded as physical corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.***
- 2. The number of threats of corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.***
- 3. The age and gender of victims of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.***
- 4. The age and gender of suspects of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.***
- 5. Outcomes of physical corrosive substance attacks against the person.***
- 6. Outcomes of threats of corrosive substance attacks against the person.***

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.

Please see the attached tables which provide the response to the information requested.

The information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. A filter, 'IsAcidCorrosive' has been used to ensure these attacks are included in the information provided. A keyword search has also been used, using the terms 'acid', 'noxious', 'drain cleaner', 'spirit of salts', 'acetic', 'Kilrock', 'corrosive', 'ammonia', 'caustic', 'sodium' and 'bleach'.

A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe corrosive liquid attacks, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

Please note that to confirm that a corrosive liquid was physically used would require medical intervention and testing of the substance. As you have requested Corrosive/Fluid Attacks we have supplied data for any liquid substance thrown at a victim in a violent manner, even if the liquid was found not to be corrosive.



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Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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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| No. of Reports                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Physical             | Threat       |                |              |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6                    | 9            |                |              |
| Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action<br>Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available<br>Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action<br>Charge/summons<br>Open / Pending Investigations | Home Office Outcomes |              |                |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2                    | 4            |                |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      | 1            |                |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      | 2            |                |              |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4                    |              |                |              |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9                    |              |                |              |
| Victim Age Banding Female<br>16-25 Years<br>26-35 Years<br>36-45 Years<br>46-55 Years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Victims              |              |                |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Female Victims       | Male Victims | Female Victims | Male Victims |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3                    | 3            | 7              | 2            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      |              |                |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2                    | 1            | 2              |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1                    |              | 2              |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      | 3            | 1              |              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1                    |              |                |              |

56-65 Years

65 Years +

|   |   |
|---|---|
|   |   |
|   | 1 |
| 3 | 3 |

|   |   |
|---|---|
|   | 1 |
|   |   |
| 7 | 2 |

Suspect Age Banding Male

<16 Years

16-25 Years

26-35 Years

36-45 Years

46-55 Years

56-65 Years

65 Years +

| Suspects        |               |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Female Suspects | Male Suspects | Female Suspects | Male Suspects |
| 3               | 2             | 0               | 8             |
|                 |               |                 |               |
|                 |               |                 | 1             |
| 2               | 1             |                 | 2             |
| 1               |               |                 | 2             |
|                 |               |                 | 1             |
|                 |               |                 | 2             |
|                 | 1             |                 |               |
|                 |               |                 |               |
| 3               | 2             | 0               | 8             |

1 x Age for 1 Suspect was  
unknown

1 x Age for 1 Suspect was  
unknown

|                      |          |                             |               |             |             |             |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Threat/Actual        | Physical | Threat/Actual               | Physical      |             |             |             |
|                      |          |                             |               |             |             |             |
| Count of CrimeNumber |          | Count of CrimeNumber        | Column Labels |             |             |             |
| 6                    |          | Row Labels                  | 16-25 Years   | 26-35 Years | 46-55 Years | 65 + Years  |
|                      |          | Female / Transgender Female | 2             | 1           |             |             |
|                      |          | Male / Transgender Male     | 1             |             | 1           | 1           |
|                      |          | Grand Total                 | 3             | 1           | 1           | 1           |
|                      |          |                             |               |             |             |             |
|                      |          |                             |               |             |             |             |
| Threat/Actual        | Threat   | Threat/Actual               | Threat        |             |             |             |
|                      |          |                             |               |             |             |             |
| Count of CrimeNumber |          | Count of CrimeNumber        | Column Labels |             |             |             |
| 9                    |          | Row Labels                  | 16-25 Years   | 26-35 Years | 36-45 Years | 56-65 Years |
|                      |          | Female / Transgender Female | 2             | 2           | 3           |             |
|                      |          | Male / Transgender Male     |               |             | 1           | 1           |
|                      |          | Grand Total                 | 2             | 2           | 4           | 1           |

|                             |               |             |             |             |             |         |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Threat/Actual               | Physical      |             |             |             |             |         |             |
|                             |               |             |             |             |             |         |             |
| Count of CrimeNumber        | Column Labels |             |             |             |             |         |             |
| Row Labels                  | 16-25 Years   | 26-35 Years | 56-65 Years | Unknown     | Grand Total |         |             |
| (blank)                     |               |             |             | 1           | 1           |         |             |
| Female / Transgender Female | 2             | 1           |             |             | 3           |         |             |
| Male / Transgender Male     | 1             |             | 1           |             | 2           |         |             |
| Grand Total                 | 3             | 1           | 1           | 1           | 6           |         |             |
|                             |               |             |             |             |             |         |             |
| Threat/Actual               | Threat        |             |             |             |             |         |             |
|                             |               |             |             |             |             |         |             |
| Count of CrimeNumber        | Column Labels |             |             |             |             |         |             |
| Row Labels                  | < 16 Years    | 16-25 Years | 26-35 Years | 36-45 Years | 46-55 Years | Unknown | Grand Total |
| (blank)                     |               |             |             |             |             | 1       | 1           |
| Male / Transgender Male     | 1             | 2           | 2           | 1           | 2           |         | 8           |
| Grand Total                 | 1             | 2           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 1       | 9           |

| Threat/Actual                                                                                                                                   | Physical              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| Row Labels                                                                                                                                      | Count of Crime Number |
| (blank)                                                                                                                                         | 4                     |
| Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action | 2                     |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>6</b>              |

Please note that 'Blank' outcomes are open/pending investigations that have the potential to result in any Home Office crime closure outcome.

| Threat/Actual                                                                                                                                                               | Threat                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| Row Labels                                                                                                                                                                  | Count of Crime Number |
| Charge/summons                                                                                                                                                              | 2                     |
| Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available | 1                     |
| Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action                             | 4                     |
| Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action                                                                  | 2                     |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>9</b>              |