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Dear XXXXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 293/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 9 March 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can I ask the following in respect of 2023/24, 2022/23 and 2021/22.

- 1: How many patients reported suffering physical attacks while in hospitals in your force area over each of the last three years?*
- 2: Please can you break down the figures, e.g. into assaults, indecent and sexual assaults.*
- 3: How many arrests were made and charges brought against the assailants relating to these incidents?*

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 number of patients suffering physical attacks
(violence against the person) within the last 3 financial
years

Year	Total
2021/22	88
2022/23	83
2023/24	75
Grand Total	246



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These crimes of violence against the person broken down by subgroup

Offence	Total
Other Sexual Offences	30
Rape	6
Stalking and Harassment	19
Violence with Injury	56
Violence without Injury	135

Please note : A manual review was completed firstly of the Place Of Entered/ Premise Name to ensure only hospitals were included within the data. Then a manual review of the remaining crimes was carried out using the investigation notes to only include the records where the victim was a patient. Therefore, it should be noted that these reviews are subject to the Analyst's interpretation, knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.

Regarding Question 3 of your request in relation to arrests, this cannot be answered as we are unable to link the crimes to arrests which have been made.

The above information has been obtained from our crime recording system. 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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

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If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

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The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary



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