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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1164/25 Paranormal and Supernatural Activity

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 4th August 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each calendar year (1st Jan - 31st March) between 2020 and 2025:

Q1) Please advise the number of reports your force has received that have any of the following terms in their description or classification. Please give the individual number for each term rather than grouping them together:

- *Ghosts*
- *Demons*
- *Monsters*
- *Paranormal phenomena*
- *Supernatural entities*
- *Poltergeists*
- *Apparitions*
- *UFO's*
- *Aliens*
- *Other similar terms associated with paranormal or supernatural activity.*

2) For the above data, please advise which post code areas the most reports came from. Break this down by month/year, too.

3) How many reports did you receive from Police Officers for each of the terms in Q1.

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 note: A keywords search was conducted on our crime recording system using the terms:

- Ghosts
- Demons
- Monsters
- Paranormal phenomena
- Supernatural entities
- Poltergeists



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- Apparitions
- UFO's
- Aliens
- Goblins

A keywords search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

This was a manual review of the incident descriptions, opening remarks and closure summaries searching for the keywords above. Mentions of 'ghosting', 'ghost phone calls', 'alienated' and 'snapchat ghost mode' were excluded as they were not relevant to the context of the FOI.

Question 1.

The number of reports the force has received that have any of the following terms in their description or classification.

Keyword	Aliens	Black Magic	Demons	Ghosts	Paranormal activity	Supernatural presence	UFO	Grand Total
2020	1	1	5	1			1	9
2021	1		7	3				11
2022			3	1		1		5
2023	1		2	1	2			6
2024	3			3				6
2025			2	2				4
Total	6	1	19	11	2	1	1	41

Question 2.

The post codes with the most reports.

Row Labels	Count of Incident Number
CA13	4
CA14	4
CA2	4
LA14	4
LA13	3
CA28	2
LA9	2
LA7	2
CA7	2
Unknown	2
CA1	2

Question 3.

The answer to this question is no information held. If a report is made by a police officer or a member of the public is not recorded.



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.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

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.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

