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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 771/25 Illegal Entering of the UK

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24th July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. For each of the last five years including this year so far, how many people were arrested on suspicion of entering the UK illegally?*
- 2. For each of the last five years including this year so far, how many people arrested on suspicion of entering the UK illegally were released on bail?*
- 3. For each of the last five years including this year so far, how many people arrested on suspicion of entering the UK illegally failed to answer bail?*

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: the data provided was extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. There are several different offences covering illegal entry to the UK and so in order to find them all a search of offences under legislation where the Act contained the words 'Immigration' or 'Border' was conducted. Only offences regarding entry to UK and not just overstaying were included. Any offences pertaining to assisting a person to enter illegally were also excluded. The data includes the following offences:

- Arrive in UK without a valid entry clearance
- Enter / remain in UK beyond leave time limit
- Enter United Kingdom without a passport
- Enter United Kingdom without leave - immigration
- Immigration - enter / remain in UK beyond time limit
- Knowingly enter the UK in breach of a deportation order
- Knowingly enter the UK without leave
- Seek / obtain leave to enter / remain in UK by deceptive means - immigration



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Question 1.

The number of people that were arrested on suspicion of entering the UK illegally.

Year	Number of People
2019	1
2020	3
2021	12
2022	3
2023	3
2024	15
2025 so far	2
Grand Total	39

Question 2.

For each of the last five years, the number of people arrested on suspicion of entering the UK illegally that were released on bail was 0.

Question 3.

For each of the last five years, the number of people arrested on suspicion of entering the UK illegally that failed to answer bail was 0.

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.



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