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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 789/25 Drug Related Domestic Abuse

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary 29th July 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

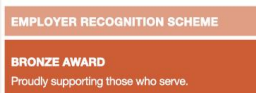
Q1) For the previous 10 years, how many domestic abuse-related reports were received where cocaine is noted in the MO field as a suspected aggravating factor?

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

Q2) Of the suspected offenders in the reports in Q1, how many were aged under 25?

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm the information you seek may be held by Cumbria Constabulary. However, to answer the questions it would require a manual search of all of the relevant records related to the request.



For the 10 Year period you have requested, there were 5,398 domestic abuse reports indicating drug involvement. To find out which reports included cocaine as an aggravating factor it would require a manual review of all 5,398 individual reports which I believe would exceed the “appropriate limit” of time.

The “appropriate limit” is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information, if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request will exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

In accordance with my duty under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (Duty to provide advice and assistance), I have tried to think of a way to recommend that your request may be refined to bring it under the limit explained above. At this time, unfortunately, I have no suggestions, due to the way that the information requested is recorded.

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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

