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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1379/25 Sex Worker Liaison

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 8th October 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Q1: Do you have an individual officer/team/unit dedicated to sex worker liaison work - that is aimed at supporting sex workers who are victims of crime/vulnerable?

Q1a: If yes, what is the role/team/unit called?

Q1b: Under what strategic or operational unit does the officer/team/unit sit?

Q1c: Is the role operational across the whole force or only in specific areas?

Q1d: If only in specific areas which?

Q2: How many officers (FTE equivalent) work in these roles/teams/units?

Q2a: Is this role/s fulfilled by a police officer or civilian?

Q2b: Are these officers/teams/units exclusively dedicated to Sex Worker Liaison work or do they have other responsibilities?

Q2c: If they have other responsibilities please list them here.

Q2d: How many sex workers do these roles/teams/units work with across a year? (1-50; 50-100; 100-200; 200+; we don't keep a record)

Q2e: Which sex work populations do they mainly work with? (on-street/indoor/online/migrant/across all sex work populations)

Q3: Do you have a role profile/job description for this role?

Q3a: If yes, is this the JD published by the NPCC, College of Policing or the University of York or was it produced locally?

Q3b: If locally produced, could you please attach a copy of the JD?

Q3c: At what grade is the role positioned?

Q4: With which partner agencies do these officers/teams/units work most closely? [Please list top 5]

Q5: With which other police units/teams do these officers/teams/units work most closely? [Please list top 5]

Q5a: Have you liaised with any other forces about your involvement with SWLOs?

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.

Question 1.



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Cumbria Constabulary does not have a specific team dedicated to sex worker liaison, however, officers from the Force Intelligence Bureau conduct visits to sex workers in respect of any safeguarding issues or concerns, across the force area. The visits may also be supported by Area Intelligence Units if it is for a specific operation. The officers are supported by a Charity called Street Light UK who attend and speak to the sex workers and are able to act as a liaison.

The Force Intelligence Bureau forms part of the Crime and Intel Command, and reports to the Constabulary's Strategic Vulnerability Board.

Question 2-2c.

As stated above, the Constabulary does not have a Unit dedicated to Sex Worker Liaison. Officers and staff based within the Force Intelligence Bureau and Area Intelligence Unit also undertake a range of operational policing responsibilities, of which Sex Worker Liaison is one strand. The Serious and Organised Crime and Exploitation Detective Sergeant and Detective Constable (2 FTE - but with other responsibilities), based within the Force Intelligence Bureau, act as the primary liaison for sex worker liaison.

Question 2d.

Officers engage with around 50-100 sex workers over a year.

Question 2e.

The populations that officers mainly work with are indoor, online and migrant sex workers.

Question 3

The Constabulary does not hold a role profile/job description for sex work liaison.

Question 4

The partner agencies that officers work with are Sex worker charity, TOEX and Immigration.

Question 5

The other internal police units/teams the officers work with are Intelligence Units, Neighbourhood Policing Teams and CID Officers.

Question 5a

Cumbria Constabulary have liaised with any other forces about involvement with SWLOs.

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.

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



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