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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1537/25 Online Misconduct Investigations

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 25th November 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the calendar year 2024:

1) The number of police officers and police staff who faced misconduct or disciplinary action where the primary allegation involved:

- *Misuse of force IT systems*
- *Accessing inappropriate or pornographic material while on duty*
- *Gaming, streaming or social media use while on duty*
- *Other forms of time-wasting or non-police activity while on duty*

2) For each case, if held:

- *The outcome of the misconduct process*

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.

The following information has been provided by Cumbria Constabulary's Professional Standards Department. I can confirm that there were four cases of misconduct or disciplinary action where the primary allegation involved one or more of the allegations listed above.

The outcomes of each misconduct process were as follows:

- 1) Written Warning
- 2) Written Warning
- 3) Final Written Warning
- 4) Final Written Warning

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.



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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

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.



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