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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 14/25 Crime data

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 5th of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, concerning crime statistics within your police force area.

In accordance with the aforementioned Act, I hereby request the disclosure of the following data:

1. **Crime Reporting and Outcomes:** *For each calendar year commencing with 2014, please provide an itemized breakdown of the following:*
 - *The aggregate number of reported criminal offenses.*
 - *Of the aforementioned reported offenses, the number was subjected to formal investigation.*
 - *Of the offenses investigated, the number subsequently referred to the Crown Prosecution Service for consideration of charges.*
 - *Of the offenses referred for prosecution, the number that culminated in a conviction in a court of law.*
2. **Offense Categorization and Suspect Demographics:** *For the data furnished in response to question 1, please provide a further disaggregation by:*
 - *Statutory categorization of the offense (e.g., offenses against the person, offenses against property, etc.).*
 - *Recorded ethnicity/race of the suspected perpetrator(s).*
 - *Age range of the suspected perpetrator(s).*
3. **Case Closure Rates:** *Please specify the proportion of reported offenses that are closed without the filing of formal charges. Further, please provide a breakdown of the principal reasons for such closures (e.g., insufficiency of evidence, withdrawal of complaint by the aggrieved party).*

Please ensure that all data provided is aggregated and anonymized to safeguard the identities of individuals, in strict compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any other applicable data protection legislation.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To locate and retrieve all the information you seek in question 1 it would be necessary to



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undertake a manual review of all cases recorded within the period requested. A manual review would be required to establish the number of cases referred to the CPS for consideration of charges and for those referred the number that resulted in a conviction.

I have estimated that the time required to complete a manual review to locate and extract all information relevant to your request would significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. 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 would 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, by virtue of Section 12(1).

However, in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can advise you that if you refine your request by discarding most of question 1 we may be able to assist you with parts 2 and 3 of your request.

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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