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24th January 2025

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 22/25 Sexual Offence Data

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 7th of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to know for the following years:

2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025 (as far as possible)

And the following crime numbers:

<i>Crime Description</i>	<i>Crime Code</i>
<i>Causing sexual activity without consent</i>	<i>22A</i>
<i>Indecent Assault On A Female</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Other miscellaneous sexual offences</i>	<i>88C</i>
<i>Rape of a Female - Multiple Undefined Offenders</i>	<i>19J</i>
<i>Rape of a female child under 13</i>	<i>19E</i>
<i>Rape of a female child under 16</i>	<i>19D</i>
<i>Rape of a Male - Multiple Undefined Offenders</i>	<i>19K</i>
<i>Rape of a male child under 13</i>	<i>19H</i>
<i>Rape of a male child under 16</i>	<i>19G</i>
<i>Sexual activity involving a child under 13</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Sexual activity etc with a person with a mental disorder</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Sexual activity involving child under 16</i>	<i>22B</i>
<i>Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over</i>	<i>20A</i>
<i>Sexual assault on a female child under 13</i>	<i>20B</i>
<i>Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over</i>	<i>17A</i>
<i>Sexual assault on a male child under 13</i>	<i>17B</i>

- *the number of arrests, charges and reports where both the suspect and the victim are below the age of 18 at the time of the (alleged) crime AND for crimes involving children under the age of 16 or 13, please include reports, arrests and charges where the suspect was below the age of 18 at the time of the crime.*



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- *If possible please can you also provide the age and gender of the suspect and victim.*

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. The Constabulary's Crime Recording System and Arrest Recording System are not linked, and the type of victim data requested is not always recorded within the arrest data. Therefore, to locate and retrieve all the information you seek in the first part of your request all records in the separate systems would need to be manually reviewed and cross referenced.

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, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18hour limit.

The information provided has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime Recording System. A search using the crime codes requested has been conducted and the below data relates to crimes recorded between 01.01.2019 – 07.01.25.

Number of reports and charges where both the victim and suspect were below the age of 18 at the time of the alleged crime.

Year	Number of crimes reported	Crimes with Outcome 1; Charge/Summons
2019	335	14
2020	227	9
2021	332	15
2022	353	13
2023	334	11
2024	387	1
2025	1	
Grand Total	1969	63

Victim data for the above reports by year.

VictimGender	VictimAge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
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Female / Transgender Female	1	1	1	2	1	2	
2	1	1	3	2	2	9	
3	4	2	3	2	3	17	
4	5	5	5	4	3	25	
5	10	4	7	7	8	44	
6	4	4	6	7	5	37	
7	7	3	3	11	8	39	
8	7	5	3	6	11	34	
9	6	3	6	9	6	36	
10	3	4	13	11	6	46	
11	9	8	18	9	22	78	
12	36	26	32	38	26	188	
13	41	35	50	46	45	269	
14	61	29	64	72	52	338	
15	54	29	36	47	42	259	1
16	6	8	4	10	12	52	
17	5	4	4	5	3	31	
18	4	2	1	2	2	11	
Female / Transgender Female Total	263	173	258	286	254	280	1 1515
Male / Transgender Male	3	1	1	1	1	2	6
4	3	1	6	1	4	19	
5	3	2	1		7	18	
6	8	3	5	5	4	28	
7	4	5	6	2	1	24	
8	6	2	1	2	5	20	
9	10	3	1	1	2	22	
10	6	1	4	10	9	35	
11	4	8	5	7	5	34	
12	7	7	5	10	6	50	
13	8	5	12	8	13	57	
14	3	6	12	8	10	57	
15	4	6	9	8	7	49	
16			1		1	4	
17		2			2	5	
18			2		3	5	
Male / Transgender Male Total	67	51	71	63	77	104 433	
Unknown	4			1		1	
5				1		1	



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6				1				1
9	1			1				2
13	4	2	1		1			8
14			1			2		3
15		1				1		2
16			1					1
17					2			2
Unknown								
Total	5	3	3	4	3	3		21
Grand Total	335	227	332	353	334	387	1	1969

Suspect/Offender data for the above reports by year.

Please note that the number of suspects is higher than number of crimes as one crime can have more than one suspect.

SuspectGender	SuspectAge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Female / Transgender									
Female	4				1				1
	5					2			2
	6	1		1	2	1			5
	7	1		1	1				3
	8				1		2		3
	9	1			4		4		9
	10	1		4	3		6		14
	11	4	1	3	9	3	5		25
	12	4	7	2	6	3	5		27
	13	6	7	9	9	4	8		43
	14	4	3	12	6	1	12		38
	15	3	6	14	2	4	7		36
	16	3	6		4	4	7		24
	17	2	1	1	4		2		10
	18	3	2	1		1			7
Female / Transgender Female Total									
		33	33	48	52	23	58		247
Male / Transgender									
Male	2	1							1
	3	1							1
	4	4	1	1		1			7
	5	1	2	3			3		9
	6	3	3	5	3	5	3		22
	7	6	3	3	6	5	8		31



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8	7	2	3	3	4	6	25
9	10	1	4	7	12	3	37
10	10	5	7	13	16	8	59
11	16	11	18	17	15	19	96
12	32	24	25	28	37	33	179
13	31	27	43	44	39	52	236
14	53	27	56	71	57	55	319
15	43	28	47	47	54	56	1 276
16	51	34	37	25	37	47	231
17	26	19	21	23	19	37	145
18	15	15	18	18	14	15	95
Male / Transgender Male Total							
	310	202	291	305	315	345	1 1769
Unknown	7	1					1
12		1					1
13	1					1	2
15			1				1
18			1				1
Unknown Total							
	1	2	2			1	6
Grand Total							
	344	237	341	357	338	404	1 2022

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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