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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 54/25 – Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 13th January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1) The total number of Disclosure Requests made under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as "Clare's Law") during the period 1st January 2024 up to and including 31st December 2024 by gender, age, & ethnicity.

For your ease of reference, please provide the details for the "Person at Risk" i.e. the person for whom the enquiry has been made by directly and/or on behalf of.

2) During the period 1st January 2024 up to and including 31st December 2024 please provide the gender of the person making the enquiry regarding their current partner and/or the person making the enquiry directly on behalf of the "Person at Risk."

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold all the information you request in an easily retrievable format.

In relation to Question 2, to obtain demographic details relating to the requester would require a manual review of each individual record to identify and retrieve the data. As Gender data is not systematically recorded it would be necessary to read through every disclosure request to ascertain this information and extract the data. For the time scale requested we hold over 850 records, which based on an estimate of at least 3 minutes per individual record would take at least 42 hours. The time required to extract the relevant information for the period of 1 year will exceed the "appropriate limit".

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.

However as a gesture of goodwill, I can provide information in relation to Question 1, as this information was retrieved from records, before it was realised that the time taken to provide all data would exceed the 18 hour limit.



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Question 1 Answer

The total number of Disclosure Requests made under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as "Clare's Law") during the period 1st January 2024 up to and including 31st December 2024 by gender, age, & ethnicity.

Below tables relate to Right to Know and Right to Ask requests

Number by Gender and Age

Age Grouping	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Under 18	30	1		31
18-24	162	3		165
25-34	319	7		326
35-44	224	7		231
45-54	70	1		71
55-64	21			21
65 and Over	3	1		4
Unknown	7		1	8
Total	836	20	1	857

Number by Gender and Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
Any other ethnic group	2	1		3
Any other White background	11			11
Not Stated/Unknown	334	4	1	339
White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	487	15		502
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1			1
White: Irish	1			1
Total	836	20	1	857

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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Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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