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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 63/25 ‘Grindr’ Crimes

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 14th of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about Grindr the dating app in relation to crime. Please may you provide me with:

- 1. The volume of crimes recorded and validated in the last five years which included ‘Grindr’ in the MO comments. 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25*
- 2. What was the crime type for those recorded in 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25**
- 3. What was the outcome of the crimes recorded in 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25**

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 information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary’s crime recording system. A key word search using the terms ‘Grindr’ and ‘Grinder’ has been used. Please note, a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words ‘Grindr’ or ‘Grinder’ were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe the app, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Question 1-

The volume of crimes recorded
including 'Grindr' in the MO

Year	Total
2019	4
2020	2
2021	5
2022	8



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2023	5
2024	2
Total	26

Question 2-

Crime type for the crimes recorded including 'Grindr' in the MO

Offence Group	Total
Public order offences	5
Sexual offences	10
Theft offences	3
Violence against the person	8
Total	26

Question 3-

Outcomes of the crimes recorded including 'Grindr' in the MO

Outcome	Total
Charge/summons	9
The Offender has Died (all offences)	1
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	3
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	4
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	4
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	3
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest	1
Total	26



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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.

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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