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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 69/25 Non-Fatal Strangulation Offences

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 15th of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to know how many offences have been recorded under the non-fatal strangulation offence (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015 (as amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021), since it was introduced in June 2022. Please could you tell me the following:

- 1. How many crimes of non-fatal strangulation (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015) have you recorded between 7 June 2022 to the 31 Dec 2024, broken down by year? Please include all occurrences, including where this is not the primary offence.*
- 2. Please also provide a count of all other offences associated with the investigations from Q1, i.e. other secondary or primary offences that were recorded at the same time, for example if it was recorded alongside a sexual offence. Please list full offence titles and total count these of linked offences over the time period.*
- 3. For all of the investigations in Q1, please extract and send the redacted crime MO.*
- 4. Please provide a separate breakdown of total victims and suspects count by a) age group (categories: Aged 15 years and under · Aged 16 to 24 years · Aged 25 to 34 years · Aged 35 to 49 years · Aged 50 to 64 years · Aged 65 years and over) and b) gender, linked to investigations from Q1*
- 5. Please provide a separate breakdown of case outcomes: for non-live cases, by outcome type and total count, for investigations from Q1.*
- 6. Please provide a separate breakdown of the total number of arrests where non-fatal strangulation is part of the of the arrest offences.*

If request Q3 takes my request over time exemptions, please disregard it.

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.



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The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system and custody and arrest recording system. Please note that these systems are not linked and therefore the arrest data and crime data cannot be linked.

A keyword search using the terms 'strangle', 'strangulation', 'suffocate' and 'suffocation' has been used for the other 8N & 5D offences. Please note, a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words terms used were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe them, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Question 1-

Number of recorded crimes for '008/77 - Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation' and for any Home Office Offence category in 5D or 8N with keyword strangle, strangulation, suffocate or suffocation in the MO, as per counting rules guidance for 008/77:

'Crimes which result in injuries more serious than those listed above should be recorded under the appropriate wounding classification (probably either Assault with Intent to Cause Serious Harm HO class 5D or Malicious Wounding or Inflicting Grievous bodily harm HO Class 8N)'

Offence	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	109	226	228	563
Assaults Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm	15	19	16	50
Wounding Or Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm			1	1
Assault with intent to cause serious harm	2	2	4	8
Grand Total	126	247	249	622

Question 2-

Number of recorded crimes linked to those crimes listed above between 07/06/2022 - 31/12/2024 showing breakdown of offences per year

Offence	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Assault with injury	22	56	42	120
Assault with Injury on a Constable			1	1
Assault with intent to cause serious harm		4		4
Assault without injury	31	30	30	91
Assault Without Injury on a Constable	3	3	2	8
Attempting To Pervert The Course Of Public Justice			1	1
Blackmail	1			1
Burglary- Residential	1	1		2
Criminal Damage To A Building Other Than A Dwelling		1	1	2
Criminal Damage To A Dwelling	2	4	4	10
Criminal Damage To A Vehicle			4	4
Cruelty to Children/Young Persons		2	3	5



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Harassment	2		1	3
Kidnapping			1	1
Malicious Communications	2	4	4	10
Other Criminal Damage	3	2	2	7
Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	1	2	2	5
Other Offences (Against The State And Public Order)		2	2	4
Possession of Article with Blade or Point	1	1	3	5
Possession Of Controlled Drugs (Cannabis)		2	1	3
Possession Of Controlled Drugs Excluding Cannabis	1		2	3
Possession of Other Weapons		2		2
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	2	2	4	8
Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	1		2	3
Residential Burglary of a Home			1	1
Robbery Of Personal Property		1		1
Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16			1	1
Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	1			1
Stalking	8	7	5	20
Theft From The Person		2		2
Threat Or Possession With Intent To Commit Criminal Damage		2		2
Threats to Kill	2	2	1	5
Trafficking In Controlled Drugs		1	1	2
Grand Total	84	133	121	338

Question 3-

As stipulated within your request this question has been disregarded to avoid time exemptions.

Question 4-

Victim demographics linked to all of the recorded crimes in Q1

Age Group	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Aged 15 years and under	7	24	40	71
Aged 16 to 24 years	28	56	45	129
Aged 25 to 34 years	31	73	69	173
Aged 35 to 49 years	40	63	63	166
Aged 50 to 64 years	18	26	26	70
Aged 65 years and over	2	5	5	12
Unknown			1	1
Grand Total	126	247	249	622

Gender	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
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Female	105	200	181	486
Male	21	47	68	136
Grand Total	126	247	249	622

Suspect demographics linked to all of the recorded crimes in Q1

Please note there can be more than one suspect identified per crime

Age Group	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Aged 15 years and under	8	16	23	47
Aged 16 to 24 years	14	41	35	90
Aged 25 to 34 years	39	80	73	192
Aged 35 to 49 years	40	72	81	193
Aged 50 to 64 years	22	30	29	81
Aged 65 years and over	2	7	6	15
Unknown	1		3	4
No Suspect	4	8	8	20
Grand Total	130	254	258	642

Gender	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Female	15	25	32	72
Male	111	221	218	550
No suspect	4	8	8	20
Grand Total	130	254	258	642

Question 5-

Outcomes for closed crimes recorded in question 1

Offence & Outcome	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	109	225	188	522
Charge/summons	17	40	30	87
Adult Caution with Alternate Offence			1	1
Caution - adults		1	1	2
Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence	2	5	5	12
Community resolution	2	5	6	13
Diversiory, educational or intervention activity undertaken	2	8	10	20
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified	1	6	4	11
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible	2	1	12	15
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest		3	2	5



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Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support police action	70	125	91	286
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	12	25	20	57
Other Agency Delegations	1	1	3	5
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility			1	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute		1	1	2
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence		1		1
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.		2	1	3
The Offender has Died (all offences)		1		1
Assault with injury	15	19	14	48
Charge/summons	3	4	1	8
Caution - adults	1			1
Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence	1			1
Community resolution		1		1
Diversiory, educational or intervention activity undertaken		1	2	3
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified	10	10	10	30
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible		1	1	2
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest		1		1
Assault with intent to cause serious harm	2	2	3	7
Charge/summons	1		1	2
Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence		1		1
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support police action		1	2	3
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	1			1
Grand Total	126	246	205	577



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Question 6-

Number of arrests with 'non-fatal strangulation' recorded in the free text offence name between 07/06/2022 - 31/12/2024

	Year			Grand Total
	2022	2023	2024	
Count of Arrests	9	31	49	89

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

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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