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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 82/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 16 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

For each of the last five calendar years (2020 - 2024) can you tell us:

Q1: How many people were investigated for possession, supply or intent to supply, the controlled drug Ketamine (codes 093/72, 093/66 & 093/78) by age group:

A: Under 12s (aged 11 and under)

B: Under 16s (aged 12-15)

C: Under 18s (aged 16/17)

D: Adults (18 and under)

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that 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.

The reason the totals don't tally is because the grand total is a distinct count of people across the whole date range. So, in total over the 5 years, 89 individual people were investigated. However, the individual year totals are the distinct number of individuals in that year. So, the total yearly figures are higher than the grand total figures as one individual can appear in more than one yearly total, ie. someone could be counted once in 2020 and once in 2021 but for the grand total over all the years they would only be counted once.

Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug - Class C - Ketamine (Special 'K' or Club 'Horse' Drug)	4	5	15	21	36	79
Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply - Class C - Ketamine (Special 'K' or Club 'Horse' Drug)	1			5	5	11
Total	5	5	15	26	41	89



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Year and Age Group	Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug - Class C - Ketamine (Special 'K' or Club 'Horse' Drug)	Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply - Class C - Ketamine (Special 'K' or Club 'Horse' Drug)	Total
2020			
Over 18	4		4
Under 18		1	1
Under 16	0	0	0
2021			
Over 18	5		5
Under 18	0	0	0
Under 16	0	0	0
2022			
Over 18	15		15
Under 18	0	0	0
Under 16	0	0	0
2023			
Over 18	17	4	21
Under 16	2		2
Under 18	2	1	3
2024			
Over 18	31	5	36
Under 16	1		1
Under 18	4		4
Total	79	11	89

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Complaint Rights

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.

