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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1101/24 Offences with outcome Prosecution time limit expired

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 8th of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please may I request details in relation to the following:

The total number of Offences across all affected cases, which couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution, as the Statute of Limitations (for affected Offences) had lapsed. Please may I clarify here, if there have been cases in which multiple Offences couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution (due to Statutory Time Limits lapsing), please might it be possible to get the total number of Offences which couldn't be proceeded with.

I understand Statutory Time Limits may lapse during initial investigations, or, whilst cases are being reconsidered under (Police and CPS) Victim's Right to Review schemes - Please may I request figures for the total number of cases (by year, if possible) which couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution, due to Statutory Time Limits lapsing (regardless of the stage at which STLs may have lapsed).

Please might it be possible to request this information for the last 20 years?

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. The filter Outcome 17 'prosecution time limit expired' has been used. Please note that details of NFA outcomes on crime have only been recorded since April 2014 when the Outcomes Framework was introduced.

It should also be noted that the data provided shows the crime recorded date with Outcome 17 and not the date in which the Outcome 17 code was applied for each crime.

Year												
Offence Group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total



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Arson and Criminal Damage	1	3	1	2	3	1	2	4	1	3	2	23
Burglary					1							1
Drug offences				2	1		2		1	1		7
Hate Incident				1					1			2
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society								1	1	1		3
Possession of weapons offences							1		4		1	6
Public order offences	4	11	5	5	13	23	27	36	33	26	17	200
Reported Incidents								1				1
Sexual offences				1					1			2
Theft offences		3		1	3	2		4	8	2	3	26
Vehicle Offences		1	2	4		1	1	2	1	1		13
Violence against the person	28	61	70	99	129	184	129	181	209	182	99	1371
Grand Total	33	79	78	115	150	211	162	229	260	216	122	1655

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

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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