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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1114/24 Intimate Image Abuse offences

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 11th of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation:

I would like to request the following information on how many reports of intimate image abuse you’ve received between 01/01/21 to 11/12/2024. (Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress under section 33 of Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, Online safety Act 2024, Domestic Abuse Act 2021)

For each of the below questions can these be broken down by calendar year (eg X in 2022, Y in 2023, Z in 2024)

- 1. The number of reports of intimate image abuse made to Cumbria Police, including intimate images or videos that were taken or shared without consent of the victim.*
- 2. The number of investigations initiated as a result of these reports.*
- 3. The number of individuals charged based on these reports.*
- 4. The number of convictions resulting from these reports.*

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 below has been retrieved from records held on the Constabulary’s Crime Recording system and relates to crime reports recorded for offences of ‘Disclosure or threats to disclose private sexual photographs/film with intent to cause distress’, between the dates specified in your request.

1. The table below shows the number of crimes recorded for the offences specified in your request.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
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No. of crimes Recorded	54	76	68	12
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- An investigation was initiated for all reports received.
- The table below shows the number of persons charged with an offence arising from the reports received. Please note that not all investigations have been concluded.

Year	No. of individuals charged
2021	1
2022	6
2023	4
2024	0

- The Constabulary do not hold information regarding convictions. The Crown prosecution service may be able to assist you with this part of your request.

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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