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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1123/24 Sexual offence data

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 16th of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I'm emailing to request some information under the freedom of information act in relation to sexual crimes reported to your force.

I'd like the following information for each of the following time periods

October 2019 - September 2020 (30th)
October 2020 - September 2021 (30th)
October 2021 - September 2022 (30th)
October 2022 - September 2023 (30th)
October 2023 - September 2024 (30th)

I'd like the following informations for each of the above years

1. *The number of rapes reported to your force*
 - *Of these (for each year) how many of the victims were under 18*
 - *Of these (for each year) how many of the perpetrators were under 18*
2. *The number of sexual assaults reported to your force*
 - *Of these (for each year) how many of the victims were under 18*
 - *Of these (for each year) how many of the perpetrators were under 18*
3. *How many reports of image-based abuse were reported to your force for each year, where BOTH the victims AND the perpetrator were under the age of 18.*

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 in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's Crime Recording System. Please note that for question 3, for image-based crimes when all individuals involved are under 18, it is recording practice not to identify anyone as a victim, these individuals may be recorded as affected, involved person or witness.

Question 1-



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Number of Rapes reported between 01/10/2019 and 30/09/2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan		42	36	45	42	55	220
Feb		35	32	40	44	46	197
Mar		30	43	56	35	44	208
Apr		33	43	35	49	38	198
May		27	42	77	64	39	249
Jun		40	43	47	45	43	218
Jul		53	34	46	50	52	235
Aug		31	28	44	39	35	177
Sep		48	50	44	28	44	214
Oct	45	32	42	44	34		197
Nov	27	31	39	34	46		177
Dec	37	29	43	36	32		177
Grand Total	109	431	475	548	508	396	2467

Number of victims that were under 18

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan		12	14	21	25	22	94
Feb		17	8	24	16	27	92
Mar		7	18	25	14	16	80
Apr		6	31	17	17	10	81
May		13	14	27	36	17	107
Jun		10	27	17	24	21	99
Jul		26	13	20	29	20	108
Aug		11	8	16	9	15	59
Sep		14	19	16	14	18	81
Oct	22	12	14	16	13		77
Nov	11	17	16	15	17		76
Dec	21	10	17	19	12		79
Grand Total	54	155	199	233	226	166	1033

Number of perpetrators that were under 18

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan		3	5	6	10	5	29
Feb		4	4	13	8	9	38
Mar		3	8	15	7	10	43
Apr		3	15	6	7	6	37
May		8	7	12	14	6	47
Jun		5	10	11	12	11	49
Jul		5	7	11	14	10	47



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Aug		4	4	4	5	4	21
Sep		12	3	4	6	10	35
Oct	4	2	9	8	7		30
Nov	3	4	11	4	8		30
Dec	9	2	4	7	6		28
Grand Total	16	55	87	101	104	71	434

Question 2-

The number of Sexual Assaults reported between 01/10/2019 and 30/09/2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan		41	25	54	44	41	205
Feb		34	31	40	49	55	209
Mar		23	25	51	51	53	203
Apr		21	38	48	33	50	190
May		26	33	55	65	69	248
Jun		36	40	60	49	59	244
Jul		34	58	62	51	66	271
Aug		32	38	54	32	55	211
Sep		28	62	58	52	48	248
Oct	54	32	44	46	48		224
Nov	43	43	66	59	47		258
Dec	40	32	34	41	44		191
Grand Total	137	382	494	628	565	496	2702

Number of victims who were under 18

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan		19	12	29	19	17	96
Feb		20	13	30	31	22	116
Mar		10	10	24	26	34	104
Apr		11	22	21	21	25	100
May		11	18	30	31	31	121
Jun		16	19	29	28	31	123
Jul		20	31	37	29	33	150
Aug		13	17	23	14	21	88
Sep		16	37	32	30	22	137
Oct	31	16	24	25	21		117
Nov	18	29	38	25	28		138
Dec	23	16	18	17	22		96
Grand Total	72	197	259	322	300	236	1386

Number of perpetrators who were under 18



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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan		6	3	7	10	11	37
Feb		5	5	12	11	6	39
Mar		3	2	6	14	14	39
Apr		1	12	8	12	15	48
May		2	6	12	20	17	57
Jun		8	11	6	7	18	50
Jul		3	5	9	14	19	50
Aug		5	3	6	4	5	23
Sep		3	13	10	11	8	45
Oct	9	4	8	11	9		41
Nov	4	12	20	11	12		59
Dec	8	9	10	10	6		43
Grand Total	21	61	98	108	130	113	531

Question 3-

Number of recorded image-based abuse crimes where all individuals involved are under 18 at time of crime.

	01/10/2019- 30/09/2020	01/10/2020- 30/09/2021	01/10/2021- 30/09/2022	01/10/2022- 30/09/2023	01/10/2023- 30/09/2024	Grand Total
Offence						
Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation					12	12
Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film					5	5
Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs, of children	35	63	107	88	116	409
Grand Total	35	63	107	88	133	426

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.



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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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