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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1127/24 – Hate Crime

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 17th December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you provide me with a spreadsheet detailing the following for the years 2023 and 2024 (to date)

- 1. Numbers of hate crime reports for Cumbria broken down by local authority district area.*
- 2. Details of the outcomes of reports (cautions, charges, community resolutions, NFA'd – with reasons for NFA)*
- 3. If possible, a breakdown of the nature of the reports (for example, verbal only, assault, other,) broken down by district.*
- 4. A breakdown of the type of hate crime (for example, race, disability, LGBTQ+ etc,) broken down by district.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does not hold all the information you request in an easily retrievable format.

To identify and retrieve information in relation to Question 3 would require a manual review of approximately 1400 records to determine the nature of the offence, whether verbal, physical or otherwise. Our database does not have a function in which a statistical search for this information can be undertaken.

I have estimated the time required to provide this information would be over 23 hours, based on the minimum of 1 minute to review each report. This would be a very large amount of work and would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The current limit for police forces has been set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work. Section 12(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act this section acts as a Refusal Notice for your request, by virtue of Section 12(1) of the Act.

However as a gesture of goodwill I can provide you with the information you have requested for Question 1, 2 and 4 as this is information is retrievable from the



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Constabulary's Crime Recording database. Searches were undertaken for all offences and filtered using the hate crime flags, for the date parameters 01/01/2023 – 16/12/2024.

Question 1

Answer

	2023 (01/01/23-31/12/23)	2024 (01/01/24-16/12/24)
Cumberland	387	449
Westmorland & Furness	267	318
Unmapped Location	12	7
	666	774

Question 2

Answer

	2023 (01/01/23-31/12/23)	2024 (01/01/24-16/12/24)
(blank)	4	182
Adult Caution with Alternate Offence	2	1
Caution - adults	2	1
Caution - youths	2	1
Charge/summons	65	63
Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence	6	22
Community resolution	57	58
Diversinary, educational or intervention activity undertaken	14	9
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	48	39
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1	1
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	131	124
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest	11	7
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	170	152
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	129	91
Other Agency Delegations	3	5
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	5	11
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	3	3
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	12	3
The Offender has Died (all offences)	1	



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Youth Caution with Alternate Offence		1
Total	666	774

Please note that blank outcomes are Open/Pending investigations which will adjust the above figures as these are finalised.

Question 4

Answer

	Cumberland	
	2023 (01/01/23-31/12/23)	2024 (01/01/24-16/12/24)
Race	153	188
Faith	10	20
Disability	37	38
Homophobic	66	69
Transphobic	14	19

	Westmorland & Furness	
	2023 (01/01/23-31/12/23)	2024 (01/01/24-16/12/24)
Race	228	294
Faith	7	28
Disability	58	55
Homophobia	85	84
Transphobia	17	6

	Unmapped Location	
	2023 (01/01/23-31/12/23)	2024 (01/01/24-16/12/24)
Race	6	4
Faith	1	1
Disability	3	0
Homophobia	1	2
Transphobia	1	1

Hate Crime Flags for individual Prejudicial Strands can also be applied to one or more than one strand. The number of Flags may not match the count of Crimes being reported on. It may also include hostility-motivated Crimes targeted to a Group and/or community as a whole and not a solitary person.

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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