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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1139/24 Sexual offences in hospitals

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 22nd of December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Could you please tell me how many sexual assaults were recorded in hospitals in your area in each year since 2014?*
2. *Could you also please specify how many in each year were recorded as rape?*
3. *If possible, could you also please tell me the types of wards or hospitals in which the assaults took place? Whether for instance they were in psychiatric hospitals, or children's hospitals, etc.*

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. Please note that sexual assault is a specific offence different to rape offences, as you have requested both offences a table for all sexual offences, rape and then sexual assaults specifically have been provided. It should also be noted that the Constabulary do not have a flag or field to show type of location, therefore hospitals have been identified using key word filters on the premise name.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the terms used were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe them, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Question 1&2-

Year	Count of All Sexual Offences
2014	6
2015	4
2016	18
2017	4
2018	34

Year	Count of Rape
2014	2
2015	3
2016	2
2017	2
2018	6

Year	Count of Sexual Assaults
2014	3
2015	1
2016	15
2017	1
2018	20

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2019	26	2019	11	2019	13
2020	15	2020	5	2020	6
2021	11	2021	2	2021	8
2022	23	2022	4	2022	16
2023	20	2023	1	2023	15
Total	**161**	**Total**	**38**	**Total**	**98**

Question 3-

Row Labels	Mental Health and Psychiatric Unit	Organic Mental Health/Dementia	Rehabilitation Unit	Unknown	Mental Health Inpatient
2014	2			4	
2015	2			2	
2016	11	1	1	4	1
2017			1	2	1
2018	10		1	20	3
2019	5			14	7
2020	7			4	4
2021				9	2
2022	7	1		11	4
2023	6	1		12	1
Grand Total	**50**	**3**	**3**	**82**	**23**

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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