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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 719/25 Arrests of Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Albania, Syria, and Eritrea Nationals

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 14th July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Total number of arrests of people of the following nationalities for the years 2017 - 2024: Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Albania, Syria, and Eritrea.

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 was extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A search of the nationality field was conducted using the terms: "ira", "afg", "alb", "syr" and "eri". Any nationalities containing this text but not relevant e.g. 'Nigeria' were excluded from the data set.

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Nationality	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Afghanistan	3	0	0	1	3	6	13	17	9	52
Albania	6	6	2	18	37	41	68	94	42	314
Eritrea	1	0	0	0	1	5	6	3	2	18
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	15	12	15	8	8	26	27	30	14	155
Iraq	7	11	7	7	5	17	16	15	15	100
Syrian Arab Republic	4	5	9	3	2	6	3	9	5	46
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland/ Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Grand Total	36	34	33	37	56	102	133	169	87	687

Please note: the table above shows the number of arrests not the number of individual people arrested. This means that one person may have been counted multiple times in the figures if they were arrested more than once.



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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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