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25th July 2025

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 724/25 Section 70 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 15th July 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information about unnatural sexual offences recorded by police forces under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. *Please could you provide the number of recorded offences under Section 70 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (“sexual penetration of a corpse”) between 2020 and 2025 (if available), broken down by year.*
- *If it assists your search, this offence may also be referred to using terms such as necrophilia or sexual interference with a corpse. If any other offence codes or descriptions are used locally for cases involving this conduct, I would appreciate those figures being included as well.*
- *If possible, within the cost limit, I would also be grateful for:*
 - *The outcome or disposal of each offence (e.g. charge, no further action)*
 - *Whether the victim was identified (e.g. case involving a named deceased individual vs. unknown).*

To respond to your request, searches were conducted on Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A search of the offence “Sexual Penetration of a Corpse” and a keyword search of the term “necro” was completed. These searches returned no results, therefore the response to your request is no information held.

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.



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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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