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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 429/25 Officers assigned to schools

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 8th of April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the following information:

1. *The number of police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), or other police staff currently assigned to work in or with schools within your force area.*
 - *Please break this down by job title (e.g. Police Officer, PCSO, etc.) and by local authority area or school (if possible).*
 - *If available, please also distinguish between those permanently based in schools (e.g. School Liaison Officers, Safer Schools Officers) and those who visit schools as part of outreach or other duties.*
2. *A list of all schools (including school name and postcode) that currently have a designated police officer or PCSO assigned to them.*
 - *If this would exceed the cost limit, please instead provide the total number of such schools, broken down by local authority or policing area.*
3. *For each of the last three academic years (e.g. 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24 to date), please provide the number of officers or PCSOs assigned to work in schools or with schools within your force area.*
 - *Please include the same breakdowns as above if available.*
4. *If your force has any specific policies, protocols, or agreements relating to officers in schools (e.g. Memoranda of Understanding with schools or local authorities), please provide copies of these documents.*

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.

Question 1 –

Cumbria Constabulary do not have any officers who are designated to work within schools. All police officers within the 4 Neighbourhood policing teams (NPT's) are expected to work with schools as part of general community engagement and/or as a response to an incident, however, this is on an ad hoc basis. Police Community Support officers within the Neighbourhood policing teams can be a SPOC for schools within their area of responsibility however their work with schools is also on an ad hoc basis.



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The number of Police officers and PCSO's who work within the Constabulary's NPT's is provided below:

Year	NPT Police Officer	PCSO
31/03/2021	68.42	62.13
31/03/2022	76.36	47.09
31/03/2023	58.30	49.97
31/03/2024	77.51	39.60
31/03/2025	68.44	35.18

In addition to the above the Constabulary's Child Centred Policing Teams (CCPT) have 8 officers (4 WAF / 4 Cumberland) who are SPOCs for 44 schools around the County, these are predominantly High Schools and Pupil Referral units (PRU's).

Question 2 –

Addressed in response to question 1, Cumbria Constabulary do not have police officers or PCSO's designated to schools.

Question 3 –

Addressed in the response to question 1, PCSO's are not assigned to work in schools and any work with schools is done on an ad hoc basis. The number of PCSO's is provided in response to question 1.

Question 4 –

No information held. Cumbria Constabulary's work with schools is intelligence led, dependent on what areas in the county have specific crime/risk trends ongoing.

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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