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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 455/25 Paranormal/supernatural reports**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

*The number of reported incidents received by your police force from members of the public or your own officers that involve the following terms in their descriptions or classifications:*

*Ghosts*

*Demons*

*Monsters*

*Paranormal phenomena*

*Supernatural entities*

*Poltergeists*

*Apparitions*

*UFO's*

*Aliens*

*Other similar terms associated with paranormal or supernatural activity.*

*The time period I am requesting covers the past five years, from 1st January 2020 to 1st January 2025, broken down year by year.*

*Additionally, if available, please provide any information or estimates regarding the cost to the police force of responding to these incidents broken down year by year, either as individual call-outs or an average cost per type of report.*

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 incident recording system. A key word search has been conducted using the terms outlined within your request. A manual review of the results was then completed to ensure that the information was relevant to your request.

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



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name or term was used to describe these, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Answer –

2020 – 7 reported incidents

2021 – 7 reported incidents

2022 – 4 reported incidents

2023 – 12 reported incidents

2024 – 7 reported incidents

Cumbria Constabulary does not hold information regarding the cost of responding to these incidents.

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](mailto: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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