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15th May 2025

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 478/25 Online sex offences/Voyeurism

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 24th of April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request the following information. Please can the information be broken down for each year between January 2020 - April 2025:

1. *How many cases have been recorded by your force between January 2020 and April 2025 for the following offences:
Disclosing, threatening to disclose, private sexual photographs and films with or without intent to cause distress
Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film Voyeurism*
2. *Can you provide any further information about these cases and include the outcome of each case in 1)?*
3. *The number of cases involving threats to share intimate photographs or films in which alleged victims were unwilling or unable to contribute to police efforts to prosecute the alleged offender, between January 2020 and April 2025.
Can you include the outcome and/or reason why the alleged victim did not continue with police efforts to prosecute the alleged offender.*
4. *The number of convictions and outcomes made each year between 2020 - 2025 for the following offences:
Disclosing, threatening to disclose, private sexual photographs and films with or without intent to cause distress
Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film
Voyeurism*
5. *The number of convictions involving threats to share intimate photographs or films by repeat offenders.
Can you include the outcome for each conviction*
6. *The number of reports of threats to share photographs or films which show, or appear to show, someone in an intimate state - This would be a breach of Section 188(4) of the Online Safety Act 2023
Can you include the outcome of each report*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does not hold all the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To locate and retrieve the information you seek in question 3 it would be necessary to undertake a manual review of 519 records. A manual review would be required as the reason why the victim was unwilling is not systematically flagged/ recorded.



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I have estimated that the time required to complete a manual review to locate and extract all information relevant to your request would significantly exceed the “appropriate limit”, as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request, by virtue of Section 12(1).

However, as a gesture of goodwill and in keeping with the duty to provide advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act, I can provide you with some information which has been retrieved within the 18hour limit. This information is provided below.

Please note that the data below refers to offences recorded in the time frame requested and their associated outcomes.

Number of cases recorded

Calendar Year	008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	088/10 - Voyeurism	088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	088/15 Threaten to share intimate photograph or film Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (4) (10)	175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	Grand Total
2020	47	10	2	0	0	0	0	59
2021	54	15	1	0	0	0	0	70
2022	75	33	3	0	0	0	0	111
2023	68	16	2	0	0	0	0	86
2024	12	25	4	33	42	0	31	147
2025 To Date (Up to 30/04/2025)	0	6	1	13	11	2	13	46

Outcomes of cases recorded

Calendar Year	*OPEN INVESTIGATION*	1 - Charged or Summoned	11 - Named Suspect Identified - Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility	14 - Named Suspect NOT identified - Evidential Difficulties: Victim Declines or Unable to Support	15 - Named Suspect Identified - Evidential Difficulties: Victim Supportive	16 - Named Suspect Identified - Evidential Difficulties: Victim NOT Supportive
2020						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	3	0	3	13	21
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	2	0	0	2	4
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0	1



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2021						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	1	0	3	16	20
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	3	0	2	2	4
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	1	0
2022						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	4	0	9	8	35
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	6	0	0	9	11
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	2	1
2023						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	4	0	6	16	19
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	4	0	2	5	3
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	1	1	0
2024						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	1	0	0	1	2	2
088/10 - Voyeurism	6	3	0	1	5	6
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	1	1	0
088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	1	0	0	5	2	10
088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	7	0	0	2	8	8
175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	3	0	0	0	5	10
2025 YTD (Up to 30/04/2025)						
088/10 - Voyeurism	4	2	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	1	0	0	0	0	0
088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	3	1	1	1	0	3



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088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	5	0	0	1	0	5
088/15 Threaten to share intimate photograph or film Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (4) (10)	2	0	0	0	0	0
175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	9	0	0	0	0	2
Grand Total	42	33	1	38	98	165

Calendar Year	17 - Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	18 - Investigation Complete - Crime Investigated as far as reasonably possible	1A - Charged or Summonsed - Relates to an Alternative Offence to that Recorded	2 - Cautioned - Youth	20 - Further Action by Another Body or Agency	21 - Further Investigation is Not in the Public Interest - Police (named suspect or known suspect capable of being identified)
2020						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	3	0	0	1	1
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	1	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	6	0	0	2	3
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	3	0	0	0	1
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	13	1	0	1	3
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	3	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023						
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	15	0	1	1	2
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	2	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0	0



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2024

008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	4	0	0	0	0
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	3	0	0	0	1
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	1	0	0	0	0
088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	0	6	0	0	0	6
088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	0	12	0	0	0	4
175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	1	5	0	0	0	3

2025 YTD (Up to 30/04/2025)

088/10 - Voyeurism	0	0	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0	0
088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	0	2	0	0	0	1
088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	0	0	0	0	0	0
088/15 Threaten to share intimate photograph or film Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (4) (10)	0	0	0	0	0	0
175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	1	80	2	1	5	26

Calendar Year

22 - Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken

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3 - Cautioned - Adult

3A - Cautioned Adult - Relates to an Alternative Offence to that Recorded

8 - Community Resolution

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008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	0	1	1	0
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	0	0	0	1
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0
2021					
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	1	0	0	2
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0
2022					
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	1	0	0	0
088/10 - Voyeurism	1	0	0	0	3
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0
2023					
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	3	0	0	1
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0
2024					
008/71 - Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	0	0	0	0	2
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	1
088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	0	0	0	0	3
088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	0	0	0	0	1
175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	0	3	0	0	1
2025 YTD (Up to 30/04/2025)					
088/10 - Voyeurism	0	0	0	0	0
088/12 - Additional Voyeurism Offences (Upskirting)	0	0	0	0	0



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088/14 - Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation - Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66A	0	0	0	0	1
088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification. Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (2) (3) (10)	0	0	0	0	0
088/15 Threaten to share intimate photograph or film Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 66B (4) (10)	0	0	0	0	0
175/08 - Share Photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent (No reason for sharing needs proving) - Sexual Offences Act 2003 S66B(1)(9)	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1	8	1	1	16

Please note that with regards to convictions, Cumbria Constabulary do not hold this information, and the Crown Prosecution Service may be able to assist you with this part of your request.

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.

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 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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