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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 112/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 24 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many cases did you have in the 2024 calendar year where a crime was resolved when the offender was identified, aged under 18, and agreed to a Community Resolution, where there was a Community Remedy such as a local rehabilitative or diversionary activity?***
- 2. For those cases referenced in Q.1 provide a table show the type of local rehabilitative or diversionary activity and then the number of people that have accepted that course of action and the offence that they had admitted to.***

So for example the answers might state:

Total number 100.

Painting park benches 50 (40 criminal damage, 10 possession of cannabis) Building bird boxes 50 (50 assault cases)

- 3. For each type of activity could you please provide me with any resource that you hold that is provided to either the crime victim or the person who will embark on the activity that explains exactly what the activity is and how they are expected to complete it.***

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

To locate and retrieve all the information you seek in questions 2 and 3 it would be necessary to undertake a manual review of all community resolution records held by the Constabulary.

For the time requested there were 652 community resolution records therefore 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 will 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.



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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 18-hour limit. This data has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system.

	Number of cases where a crime was resolved where the offender was under the age of 18 and agreed to a Community Resolution in the year 2024

Month	Community Resolution - non restorative justice		Community Resolution - youth triage	Total
January	46		19	65
February	36		24	60
March	29		31	60
April	47		23	70
May	33		36	69
June	40		28	68
July	39		25	64
August	31		15	46
September	30		17	47
October	32		18	50
November	12		19	31
December	17		5	22
Grand Total	392		260	652

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

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

