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20 February 2025

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 125/25

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) The number of arson offences reported to the service in the past three calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024). Please note that I require data related to arson (damage or destruction of property with fire) only, and not criminal damage generally.**

Please break the results down by the following:

- a) Month and year of the report (e.g. January 2022, February 2022, etc.)
- b) Location (As specific as is reasonably possible)
- c) If the investigation led to an arrest (yes/no/ongoing)
- d) If a suspect was formally charged with the crime (yes/no/ongoing)
- e) If the crime caused injuries to a victim or victims (yes/no)
- f) The age and gender (if known) of the offender

- 2) How many suspects were repeat offenders? By 'repeat offender', I refer to having been arrested or suspected of arson within the last five years.**

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.

1.

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1(a)

	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan	19	10	9	38



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Feb	12	10	11	33
Mar	19	14	6	39
Apr	19	13	9	41
May	17	29	13	59
Jun	16	25	11	52
Jul	21	23	14	58
Aug	19	15	14	48
Sep	16	11	12	39
Oct	18	2	12	32
Nov	17	8	13	38
Dec	4	8	10	22
Grand Total	197	168	134	499

1(b)

	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Allerdale	51	36	24	111
Barrow-in-Furness	37	43	35	115
Carlisle	58	42	39	139
Copeland	18	22	17	57
Eden	10	8	8	26
South Lakeland	22	16	11	49
Unknown	1	1		2
Grand Total	197	168	134	499

1(c)

	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
CAUTIONED		2	2	4
CAUTIONED (COND)			1	1
CHARGED + BAILED	4	6	2	12
CHARGED NO BAIL (translated to Court Disposal)	4	9	5	18
HANDED TO ESCORTS		1		1
NO FURTHER ACTION	32	28	30	90
POLICE BAIL		3	7	10
POSTAL CHARGE	3		1	4
RELEASED WITHOUT BAIL		1	5	6
unknown			1	1
Grand Total	43	50	54	147

1(d)



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	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Ongoing		2	9	11
Charge/summons	6	10	8	24
Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence	2	3	3	8
Grand Total	8	15	20	43

1(e)

	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
NO				
Jan	19	10	9	38
Feb	12	10	11	33
Mar	19	14	6	39
Apr	19	13	9	41
May	17	29	13	59
Jun	16	24	10	50
Jul	21	23	14	58
Aug	19	15	14	48
Sep	16	11	12	39
Oct	18	2	12	32
Nov	16	8	13	37
Dec	4	8	10	22
YES				
Jun		1	1	2
Nov	1			1
Grand Total	197	168	134	499

1(f)

	10 - 17	18- 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 plus	Under 10	Unknown/Not Recorded	Grand Total
Unknown										314	314
Female / Transgender											
Female	12	7	7	8	8	3		1			46
Male / Transgender											
Male	88	23	40	28	16	12	1		2	2	212
Grand Total	100	30	47	36	24	15	1	1	2	316	572

2.

How many suspects were repeat offenders? By 'repeat offender', I refer to having been arrested or suspected of arson within the last five years.

Answer – 31



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To retrieve information relevant to your request data was extracted from the Constabulary's custody recording system for the offence and shows the number of arrivals in custody for arson during the time period. The repeat offender data shows how individuals who were a suspect or offender more than once within the time period 2020-2024, the injury count is based on a manual review of the case notes'.

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.



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