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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 138/25 Adolescent-to-parent violence and abuse

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 31st of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The total number of reported crimes to your force involving adolescent-to-parent violence and abuse (APVA) or child-parent violence and abuse (CPVA) in 2015.*
2. *The total number of reported crimes to your force involving adolescent-to-parent violence and abuse (APVA) or child-parent violence and abuse (CPVA) in 2019*
3. *The total number of reported crimes to your force involving adolescent-to-parent violence and abuse (APVA) or child-parent violence and abuse (CPVA) in 2023. (I'm assuming there would be no data available yet for 2024)*

APVA falls under the wider category of domestic violence and I appreciate not all forces may record specific data for APVA.

And to clarify, I am looking for statistics for the calendar years, not financial 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.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. The Constabulary's parent/ child details are listed as: Child (actual), Child (adopted), Parent-Child, Parent-Child (foster), Parent (actual), Parent (adoptive), Parent (foster), Parent (step). The information provided includes all these parent/ child options in the aggrieved relationship field where the offender/ suspect is listed as under 19 years old.

Please note the data provided for 2015 is from a historic crime recording system. The recording fields within this system do not include anyone who was only a suspect and not confirmed as an offender. A key word search is also required within this system, and one has been conducted using the terms 'Parent', 'Mother' and 'Father'.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words 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-

The below table shows the distinct number of crime reports.

Data for 2024 has also been provided.

The figure provided in 2015 refers to 'offenders' only and does not include suspects.

	2015	2019	2023	2024	Grand Total
Distinct Count of CrimeNumber	56	356	417	514	1343

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 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.

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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