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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 142/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 1 February 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many reports have been made to Cumbria Police Force of sexual assaults which are alleged to have taken place at Cumbrian hospitals between November 2022 and November 2024?*
- 2. How many reports have been made to Cumbria Police Force of rape which are alleged to have taken place at Cumbrian hospitals between November 2022 and November 2024?*
- 3. How many of the above points 1 and 2 were reported to have taken place on a hospital ward?*
- 4. How many people have been charged with sexual assault/rape re. 1 and 2 above?*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

Questions 1 to 3

Offence Group	On a ward			
	No	Unknown	Yes	Grand Total
Other Sexual Offences	5	26	15	46
Rape	0	2	1	3
Grand Total	5	28	16	49

Question 4

Please note - the below is a distinct count of the number of people not offences. Therefore if one person was charged for more than one offence, they would only be counted once.



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	Count of People
Other Sexual Offences	6
Grand Total	6

Please also note - Place of Offence: Our crime system has no Location Type flag, we therefore rely on a search of keywords within the Place of offence premise name. This is a standard set of keywords used for all our hospital queries and includes the hospital names, the mental health unit names (as these are usually detailed in the premise name) and keywords such as 'ward' and 'unit'. As this search can also bring back premises which are not hospitals, the premise names are read by the analyst and any non-hospitals are removed.

You have also asked if the offences took place on a ward. In order to identify this, the MO was read along with the premise name and is therefore subject to the Analyst's interpretation.

It is important to note that Crime Statistics reported as at a specific point in time, may change due to re-classification or cancellation of a Crime at a later date.

The above information has been obtained from our crime recording systems.

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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