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Dear XXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 151/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3 February 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Are you able to please provide statistics on the number of reports you received of incidents of homophobia or sexual orientation-based discrimination at football matches for the following calendar years:

1. 2023
2. 2024

If possible, for each year, please split data by whether the incidents occurred at professional or semi-professional matches; or amateur matches.

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.

The below information has been obtained from our crime recording system using keyword search for all homophobic crimes and incidents for all mentions of football. These were then manually checked by the analyst to assess type of football match.

	2023	2024	Grand Total
Professional	4	1	5
Grand Total	4	1	5

- Non-Crime Hate Incidents are recorded in Our Crime System at the point of contact to reflect their importance and to improve oversight/accuracy should any of them progress to a recorded Hate Crime.
- Hate Incidents may also include perceived prejudices that do not meet the HMIC recognised 5Strands of Prejudice of Race, Faith, Disability, Sexual Orientation and Transphobia i.e. Age, Gender etc.
- Hate Crime Flags and Contributory Factors in our Crime System are manually applied by the Recording Police Officer, based on multiple factors including the victims



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personal circumstances and nature of the offence. Hate Crime Flags for individual Prejudicial Strands can also be applied to one or more than one strand. The number of Flags may not match the count of Crimes being reported on.

- It may also include hostility-motivated Crimes targeted to a Group and/or community as a whole and not a solitary person.

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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