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Dear XXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 191/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 10 February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. I would like to know how many reports were made of sexual violence (includes rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, indecent exposure and sexual exploitation) in schools.*
- 2. For this data I would like a breakdown of how many cases were reported where the perpetrator was logged as a minor.*

For each of these requests I would like a breakdown of the figures by the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

If the number of years requested is too large, please just complete for the years 2019-2024

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.

1. How many reports were made of sexual violence in schools?

Year	Reports
2014	36
2015	41
2016	50
2017	57
2018	72
2019	72
2020	46
2021	75
2022	78
2023	49
2024	70



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2. How many cases were reported where the perpetrator was logged as a minor (17 and under)?

Year	Under 18
2014	12
2015	18
2016	24
2017	22
2018	36
2019	37
2020	23
2021	36
2022	42
2023	32
2024	48

Please note this is based on a distinct count of the person reference number, meaning that if there is a repeat perpetrator they are only counted once

The above information has been obtained from our crime recording system using a keyword search relevant to school premises, i.e. school, primary, infant, junior, etc.

A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary if the keywords used were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe the site, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Please also note the following:-

- We have excluded the following offences; voyeurism, sexual grooming and photo sharing/possession offences as they were not mentioned within your request.
- Please note that some of these offences may have occurred outside the location of school premises but have been reported from within school premises.
- For "perpetrator" we have included both offenders and suspects.

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.

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The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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



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