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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 195/25

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

Please could I request the following information Under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1) Number of mental health related police call outs each year since, and including, 2019.***
- 2) Number of people detained by police on mental health grounds each year since, and including, 2019.***
- 3) What's the police budget for mental health cases each financial year since, and including, 2019.***
- 4) Of the people detained in a cell how many were mental health cases each year since, and including, 2019.***

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.

Question 1

The information provided in response to this question has been extracted from the Constabulary's incident recording system. Please note all incidents logged with a Mental Health flag does not necessarily mean that the incident was specifically related to a person's mental health, or that it was attended by police officers.

Year	Incidents with a Mental Health flag
2019	4567
2020	5097
2021	6009
2022	5962



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2023	5286
2024	4616

Question 2

The information provided in response to this question has been extracted from data recorded by officers based within the Constabulary's Mental Health Team.

Year	Use of S.135 and S.136 of the MHA	Number of detentions under MHA S.2 & S.3 (as outcome from S.135 or S.136)
2019	516	111
2020	579	24
2021	598	141
2022	363	110
2023	334	97
2024	276	84

Question 3

The Cumbria Constabulary does not have a specific budget relating to mental health related call outs. Accordingly, I have determined that the Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in Question 3.

Question 4

The information provided in response to this question has been extracted from the Constabulary's custody recording system. Please note that this does not mean that the person was in a cell, but they were in a custody suite.

Year	Use of S.136 at police custody	Number of detentions under MHA S.2 & S.3 (as outcome from S.136) at police custody
2019	44	16
2020	56	5
2021	54	17
2022	80	34
2023	63	22
2024	62	26

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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