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12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 207/25 ‘Rape Kits’**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

*I would like to make an FOI request, please related to use of rape kits.*

*Could you please qualify:*

- 1. The number of rape kits currently awaiting processing.*
- 2. The average time it take to process a rape kit.*
- 3. The number of rape kits processed by your force in the past 12 months.*
- 4. Whether you force has experienced a rape kit shortage.*

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 in response to your request has been provided by the Constabulary's Scientific support department.

Please note that Cumbria Constabulary do not use 'rape kits', the Constabulary use early evidence kits (EEK's). The information provided is in relation to exhibits from early evidence kits submitted to the forensic lab for rape and sexual assault cases, as it is exhibits that are submitted not always the full EEK.

Question 1 –

Cumbria Constabulary have 46 exhibits from Rape cases that are currently awaiting processing.

Question 2 –

No information held. The Constabulary do not have this information recorded.

Question 3 –



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The number of exhibits for rape/ sexual assault cases processed in the past 12 months is 194.

Question 4 –

Cumbria Constabulary do not have an issue with shortages of EEK's.

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](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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



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