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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 387/25 – Domestic Abuse among young people**

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

*Q1) For the previous 10 calendar years, please provide the total number of recorded crimes which have been flagged as domestic-abuse related incidents (ie. have met the cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse) reported by young people, broken down by the following age groups:*

- 1) Under 18
- 2) 18-24
- 3) 25-30

*NB: the cross-government definition of Domestic violence and abuse: "any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional."*

*Please provide this data for each year:*

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

*Q2) Of the reports cited in answer to Q1, please provide the number of cases that resulted in:*

- 1) An arrest
- 2) A charge
- 3) A prosecution



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4) A conviction

*Please provide this data for each year:*

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

Q3) For the previous 10 calendar years, please provide the total number of coercive or controlling behaviour offences reported by young people, also broken down by the following age groups. Please search for this data using the terms 'coercive control' and crimes alleged under Home Office code 008/67.

- 1) Under 18
- 2) 18-24
- 3) 25-30

*Please provide this data for each year:*

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

Q4) Of the coercive and controlling behaviour reports cited in answer to Q3, please provide the number of cases that resulted in:

- 1) An arrest
- 2) A charge
- 3) A prosecution
- 4) A conviction

*Please provide this data for each year:*

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023



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j) 2024

k) 2025 – latest available data

Q5) If available, please provide a breakdown of the most common reasons why domestic abuse and coercive control cases did not proceed to charge (e.g., lack of evidence, victim withdrawal).

Q6) Finally can you please attach MO codes for the calendar year 2024 for domestic abuse-related offences involving alleged victims under 30? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal information.

Your request for information has been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you request in an easily retrievable format. In relation to Question 2 and 4, as our arrest data and crime data are held on different recording databases, to link these and provide the requested information would require a manual review all domestic abuse records. Each arrest would have to be manually cross referenced against our Crime recording database. We hold thousands of records which would require a trawl, significantly exceeding the time required to extract the relevant information for the 10-year period.

The "appropriate limit" is set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information, if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request will exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request.

As a gesture of goodwill, I can however provide information in relation to Question 1 and Question 3 as this information could be easily be retrieved from our Crime recording system. Searches were undertaken for crimes relating to Domestic Violence and Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship, using filters to ascertain the victims age range as specified in your request.

Answer

Question 1

Total number of recorded crimes which have been flagged as domestic-abuse related incidents

| Year | Under 18 | 18-24 | 25-30 | Grand Total |
|------|----------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 2015 | 71       | 446   | 362   | 879         |
| 2016 | 79       | 439   | 460   | 978         |
| 2017 | 112      | 616   | 587   | 1315        |
| 2018 | 157      | 921   | 1071  | 2149        |
| 2019 | 186      | 973   | 1188  | 2347        |
| 2020 | 180      | 997   | 1013  | 2190        |
| 2021 | 181      | 874   | 1033  | 2088        |
| 2022 | 201      | 904   | 995   | 2100        |
| 2023 | 183      | 840   | 870   | 1893        |
| 2024 | 230      | 798   | 872   | 1900        |



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|-------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2025        | 36   | 116  | 123  | 275   |
| Grand Total | 1616 | 7924 | 8574 | 18114 |

### Question 3

Total number of coercive or controlling behaviour offences reported by young people

| Row Labels  | 18-24 | 25-30 | Under 18 | Grand Total |
|-------------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|
| 2015        |       |       |          |             |
| 2016        | 6     | 3     | 1        | 10          |
| 2017        | 14    | 9     | 6        | 29          |
| 2018        | 54    | 42    | 18       | 114         |
| 2019        | 67    | 67    | 20       | 154         |
| 2020        | 78    | 68    | 31       | 177         |
| 2021        | 58    | 50    | 20       | 128         |
| 2022        | 70    | 48    | 21       | 139         |
| 2023        | 73    | 65    | 29       | 167         |
| 2024        | 61    | 60    | 27       | 148         |
| 2025        | 17    | 7     | 9        | 33          |
| Grand Total | 498   | 419   | 182      | 1099        |

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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