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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1295/25 Racist and Religious Hate Crime

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 9th September 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following data:

- 1. The number of times racist graffiti was recorded by the police force.*
 - 2. The number of times graffiti linked to a racial and religious hate crime was recorded by the police force.*
 - 3. The number of times criminal damage linked to a racial and religious hate crime was recorded by the police force.*
- I am requesting the data for 2022, 2023, 2024 and up until 31st August of 2025. Can the data be presented in calendar years please.*
 - If possible, I would like this data to include where the incidents occurred in the region, and what the graffiti was (whether it was an image or words).*

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.

A search has been conducted on Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A key words search of crimes with the tag 'hate racial' and 'hate religion' was conducted using the term 'graffiti'. A manual review of the results was then conducted to assess relevance and type of graffiti.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

Question 1.

The number of times racist graffiti was recorded by the police force.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND			1		1
Word/s			1		1



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BARROW-IN-FURNESS	5	6	2	8	21
Both	1	3		1	5
Image/s	2	1	1		4
Not Specified		1			1
Word/s	2	1	1	7	11
CARLISLE	2	3	1		6
Not Specified		1			1
Word/s	2	2	1		5
DALSTON		1			1
Word/s		1			1
KENDAL			1	2	3
Word/s			1	2	3
PENRITH	4		4	1	9
Image/s	1		1		2
Word/s	3		3	1	7
ULVERSTON			1		1
Image/s			1		1
WIGTON			1		1
Word/s			1		1
WINDERMERE		1	1	3	5
Image/s		1		1	2
Word/s			1	2	3
WORKINGTON	1		1		2
Word/s	1		1		2
Grand Total	12	11	13	14	50

Question 2.

The number of times graffiti linked to a racial and religious hate crime was recorded by the police force.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND			1	1	2
Image/s				1	1
Word/s			1		1
BARROW-IN-FURNESS	6	7	2	8	23
Both	1	3		1	5
Image/s	2	2	1		5
Not Specified		1			1
Word/s	3	1	1	7	12
CARLISLE	4	4	2		10
Image/s	1		1		2
Not Specified		1			1
Word/s	3	3	1		7
KENDAL			1	2	3
Word/s			1	2	3



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MILLOM		3			3	
	Word/s	3			3	
PENRITH		4	5	1	10	
	Image/s	1	1		2	
	Word/s	3	4	1	8	
SEASCALE		2	1		3	
	Image/s	2			2	
	Word/s	1			1	
ULVERSTON		1			1	
	Image/s	1			1	
WHITEHAVEN		1			1	
	Word/s	1			1	
WIGTON		1			1	
	Word/s	1			1	
WINDERMERE		1	1	3	5	
	Image/s	1		1	2	
	Word/s		1	2	3	
WORKINGTON		2	1		3	
	Image/s	1			1	
	Word/s	1	1		2	
Grand Total		19	12	18	16	65

Question 3.

The number of times criminal damage linked to a racial and religious hate crime was recorded by the police force.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
AMBLESIDE			1		1
APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND			1	1	2
BARROW IN FURNESS	1	1			2
BARROW-IN-FURNESS	9	7	3	10	29
BRAMPTON				1	1
CARLISLE	11	4	4	3	22
DALSTON		1			1
KENDAL	2			2	4
KESWICK	4				4
MILLOM	2	1	7		10
MILNTHORPE		2	1		3
PENRITH	4		5	1	10
SEASCALE	2			1	3
ULVERSTON			1	2	3
WHITEHAVEN	2		2		4
WIGTON			2		2
WINDERMERE		1	2	3	6
WORKINGTON	5		2	2	9
(blank)	1				1
Grand Total	43	17	31	26	117



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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

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 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

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

