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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1306/25 Hospital Crimes

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 15th September 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the provisions of the FOI Act, please can you provide the following:

1. *The total number of crimes logged by your force that happened in, or on, hospital grounds in the years 2019/20 to 2023/24.*

Please could these be broken down as follows:

- a. *For each year*
- b. *By the nature of each crime description*
- c. *What the crime outcome was for each crime*
- d. *The name of the hospital in each case*

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.

Please note: the information provided has been extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A keywords search has been conducted. This used a standard set of keywords used for all hospital queries and includes the hospital names, the mental health unit names (as these are usually detailed in the premise name) and keywords such as 'ward' and 'unit'. As this search can also bring back premises which are not hospitals, the results are checked for relevancy and results that are irrelevant have been removed.

Hospital has been interpreted as where there may be inpatients staying overnight and so this data includes smaller local hospitals with inpatient wards and also mental health specific units with inpatient wards. It does not include outpatient only health centres/mental health units.

Please also 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 1a.

The total number of crimes logged by your force that happened in, or on, hospital grounds in the years 2019/20 to 2023/24.



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Financial Year	Number of Crimes Recorded
2019/2020	635
2020/2021	505
2021/2022	569
2022/2023	513
2023/2024	278
Total	2500

Question 1b.

The total number of crimes logged by your force that happened in, or on, hospital grounds in the years 2019/20 to 2023/24 by the nature of each crime description

Offence Sub Group	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Grand Total
Absconding From Lawful Custody	1		3	1		5
Arson	2	2	2	4		10
Bicycle Theft	2		1		1	4
Burglary Business and Community	5	3	3	2	1	14
Burglary Residential	1		1			2
Criminal Damage	69	48	54	50	33	254
Dangerous Driving		1				1
Disclosure, Obstruction, False Or Misleading Statements Etc				1		1
Interfering With A Motor Vehicle	1					1
NFIB52B Hacking-Personal	1			2		3
NFIB5A Cheque, Plastic card and Online Bank Accounts (not PSP)	2		1			3
NFIB90 Other Fraud Not Covered Elsewhere	2	9	1	1		13
Other Forgery				1		1
Other Notifiable Offences				2		2
Other Offences Against The State Or Public Order	5	3	2	4	3	17
Other Sexual Offences	11	10	10	19	13	63
Other Theft	52	25	27	20	11	135
Perverting The Course Of Justice				1		1
Possession Of Article With Blade Or Point	3	6	4		2	15
Possession of Drugs	11	6	6	8	12	43
Possession Of Other Weapons	1	2	2		2	7
Public Fear, Alarm Or Distress	64	34	54	55	25	232
Racially Or Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm Or Distress	8	15	20	18	13	74
Rape	8	4	3	3	1	19
Shoplifting		1				1
Stalking and Harassment	19	16	38	25	7	105
Theft from the person	2		1			3
Theft From Vehicle	6	2				8



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Threat Or Possession With Intent To Commit Criminal Damage		1	1	3		5
Trafficking In Controlled Drugs	1			1		2
Violence with Injury	99	60	89	74	26	348
Violence without Injury	259	257	246	218	128	1108
Grand Total	635	505	569	513	278	2500

Questions 1c and 1d.

Please note, the information below shows the crime outcomes and the name of each hospital where the crime occurred. The data has been split into two separate tables to make it more accessible.

Table 1.

Outcome	Brampton War Memorial Hospital	Carleton Clinic	Cockermouth Community Hospital	Cumberland Infirmary	Furness General Hospital	James Cook University Hospital	Keswick (Mary Hewetson) Community Hospital
Adult Caution with Alternate Offence		1			1		
Cannabis warning				1	1		
Caution - adults		2		5	9		
Charge/summons		94		150	101		
Charge/Summoned with Alternate Offence		7		12	7		
Community resolution		23		10	15		
Diversionary, educational or intervention activity undertaken				1	5		
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.		7		10	4		
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)		4		2			
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	2	59	2	74	50		1
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest	1	99	1	65	74		1
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	4	413	3	120	153		3
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	2	99	2	47	57	1	2
Other Agency Delegations		1		5	1		
Penalty Notice for Disorder		1			1		



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Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)		1					
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute		77	2	24	73		
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence		9	1		7		
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.		11		4	2		

Table 2.

Outcome	Maryport Victoria Cottage Hospital	Millom Hospital	Penrith Hospital	Royal Lancaster Infirmary	Ryhope Hospital	West Cumberland Hospital	Westmorland General Hospital	Workington Community Hospital
Cannabis warning						1		
Caution - adults	1		1			3	1	
Caution - youths						3		
Charge/summons	1		2	1	1	61	5	1
Charge/Summonsed with Alternate Offence						3	1	
Community resolution			1	1		3	3	
Diversory, educational or intervention activity undertaken				2		1		
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	2		1			2	2	1
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	1	2	4			31	9	4
Named suspect – further investigation not in public interest			3	1		48	14	1



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Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	1		3			124	15	15
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	1		3			40	5	1
Other Agency Delegations						1		1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute						19	13	2
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence						4		
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.						1	1	

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



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