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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1219/25 Littering Prosecutions

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 13th August 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. I would like to know how many prosecutions there has been for littering in the last 5 years?*
- 2. Also, how many prosecutions for littering has there been so far in 2025?*

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: Cumbria Constabulary does not hold data on prosecutions as this is handled by CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) which we do not hold records for. Offences of this nature are usually dealt with by Fixed Penalty Notices rather than prosecutions.

That being said, I can provide you with data regarding charges for this offence which we do hold records for.

Question 1.

There has been one charge for the offence “throw down / leave / otherwise deposit litter”. This was recorded in June 2020.

Question 2.

There have been no charges for littering in 2025 so the response to Question 2 is no information held.

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.

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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.



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