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24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1272/25 Knife and Blade Offences**

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

*Please provide the total number of offences recorded as having an article with a blade or point in a public place (008/26; Criminal Justice Act 1988, s.139) between 1 January 2023 and 31 January 2024.*

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. Cancelled crimes have been removed from the data table.

The total number of offences recorded as having an article with a blade or point in a public place between 1 January 2023 and 31 January 2024.

|                    | 2023       | January 2024 | Grand Total |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 008/26             | 122        | 10           | 132         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>10</b>    | <b>132</b>  |

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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The Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

