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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1280/25 Racist Crimes

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3rd September 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. *The total number of recorded racist and anti-migrant crimes over the past three years (broken down by year, if possible).*
2. *A list of each recorded incident of racist and anti-migrant crimes within this period, including:*
 - a. *The date and location of the offence, and The nature of the incident (for example, what was said or done).*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you the Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request; however, the information is not held in a format which enables the requested information to be retrieved automatically.

Cumbria Constabulary does not have a specific tag or filter for 'anti-migrant' crimes therefore a search has been conducted for the number of crimes with a 'Race Hate Crime Tag' which has returned 1544 results for the requested period. To provide results relating to anti-migrant crimes, it would require a manual review of the MO and crime notes of each and every result returned to assess relevancy.

I have estimated that the time required to assess the relevancy of all crimes would be approximately 51 hours if each of the 1544 crimes takes 2 minutes to assess making the request exceed the "appropriate limit" of time allowed. This is not including assessments of the nature, date and location of each incident to see if this would be appropriate for release and redactions of identifiable details if it is deemed suitable which would add on additional hours.

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.

Notwithstanding the above, in anticipation it will still be of interest to you, it is possible to provide you with some of the information requested in the remaining questions, as it was possible to retrieve



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this information directly. This is information I would otherwise have advised you to submit a revised request to seek disclosure of in accordance with the duty to provide advice and assistance.

Question 1

The total number of recorded racist crimes over the past three years.

Row Labels	Distinct Count of Crime Number
2022	588
2023	418
2024	538
Grand Total	1544

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.



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