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25th September 2025

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1285/25 Sexual Offences

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 4th September 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to request the following information for the period of 2024, and 1 January 2025 to 2 September 2025:

- 1. The total number of recorded sexual offences in your police force area, for 2024 and 2025 (to September).*
- 2. The number of recorded sexual offences where the alleged perpetrator was not a British national, for 2024 and 2025 (to September).*
- 3. If available, a breakdown of the alleged perpetrators by nationality, for 2024 and 2025 (to September).*
- 4. If available, a breakdown of offence types (e.g., rape, sexual assault, harassment) allegedly committed by non-British nationals for 2024 and 2025 (to September).*

If the information is not held in exactly this form, I would be grateful if you could provide the closest available information.

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. Answers to questions 1, 2 and 4 relate to distinct count of crimes however, the response to question 3 was based on number of suspects as not all crimes have suspects therefore the numbers do not match. In the answer to question 3 there are separate records for British subject, England, Isle of Man and United Kingdom, which all come under British nationality.

Question 1.

The total number of recorded sexual offences in the force area, for 2024 and 2025 (to September).

Year	Distinct Count of Crime Records
2024	1642
2025	1117
Grand Total	2759

Question 2.

The number of recorded sexual offences where the alleged perpetrator was not a British national, for 2024 and 2025 (to September).



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Year	Distinct Count of Crime Number
2024	24
2025	19
Grand Total	43

Question 3.

A breakdown of the alleged perpetrators by nationality, for 2024 and 2025 (to September).

Nationality	2024	2025	Grand Total
Not Recorded	1006	692	1698
UNITED KINGDOM	350	195	545
PAKISTAN	3	3	6
POLAND	4	2	6
ROMANIA/RUMANIA	5		5
NIGERIA	1	3	4
INDIA	1	2	3
British Subject	2		2
IRAQ	2		2
KENYA		2	2
BANGLADESH		1	1
BELGIUM	1		1
CONGO		1	1
ENGLAND	1		1
ETHIOPIA		1	1
IRELAND	1		1
ISLE OF MAN	1		1
LATVIA		1	1
NEW ZEALAND	1		1
PORTUGAL		1	1
SAUDI ARABIA	1		1
SLOVAKIA	1		1
SOUTH AFRICA		1	1
SPAIN	1		1
SUDAN		1	1
TURKEY	1		1
UKRAINE	1		1
Grand Total	1384	906	2290

Question 4.

A breakdown of offence types allegedly committed by non-British nationals for 2024 and 2025 (to September).

Row Labels	2024	2025	Grand Total
20A Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over	13	12	25
19C Rape of a female aged 16 and over	5	1	6
19D Rape of a female child under 16	1	2	3
17B Sexual assault on a male child under 13	1	1	2
22B Sexual activity involving child under 16	2		2
88E Exposure and Voyeurism	1	1	2



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19F Rape of a male aged 16 and over	1	1
21 Sexual activity involving a child under 13	1	1
88A Sexual grooming	1	1
Grand Total	24	43

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

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Benson

Public Access and Disclosure Decision Maker
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