



Ms Christina Savage

12 April 2019

Dear Ms Savage,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request for information received on 17th January 2019. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. How many people were arrested under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship' in (please provide data for each full year respectively):

2015

2016

2017

2018

2. Also, can you provide a breakdown of the official recorded crime outcomes of the arrests set out above in Q1 (charged, cautioned, no further action etc.), for each of the 4 years respectively: 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

I would like to acknowledge at this point that there has been a significant delay in providing this response to you and, as a consequence, the Constabulary has not complied with Section 10(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which requires a response to be provided within 20 working days. I apologise for any inconvenience you have experienced as a result of this delay.

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

1. Number of persons arrested under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act for 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship'.

Please note that this offence came into force on 29 December 2015.

2015 – 0

2016 – 39

2017 – 74

2018 – 130

2. Recorded disposals for arrests of 'Engaging in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate relationship.

Disposal	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Charged	5	11	10	26
No Further Action Complete	38	60	98	196
Pending	3	1	5	9
Police Bailed	1		13	14
Postal Charge		1		1
Released without Bail		5	7	12
Grand Total	47	78	133	258

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

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary and to apologise again for the delay in responding to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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