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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 2253/2025**

Thank you for your request for information regarding CRU referrals from Lancashire Police; which has now been considered.

**Applicant Question:**

Thank you for the prompt response to my internal review request,

Whilst I do not agree with its conclusion, it is simply not proportionate to pursue the matter further by way of recourse to the ICO. Instead, it is better to draw learning from your overarching narrative and move on.

To conclude this matter, for the moment at least, can you please provide the requested data for Lancashire only for each of the 3 years in issue?

**Original request for context:**

For the past three years ending 31st March (A. 2025, B. 2024 and C. 2023) can you please disclose the following, by way of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000 (FOIA):

Number of FOIA requests, in each year A. B. and C. for which assistance was sought from the NPCC Central Referral Unit by the below police forces?

1. Cleveland Police
2. Durham Constabulary
3. Greater Manchester Police
4. Lancashire Constabulary
5. North Yorkshire Police
6. South Yorkshire Police
7. West Yorkshire Police

**NPCC Response:**

The NPCC does hold information captured by your request.

Searches were completed of the CRU case management system which provided the below results:

2023 – 65  
2024 – 21  
2025 Up to 31<sup>st</sup> March – 0

Criteria for data collection:

- Cases that were referred by Lancashire Constabulary having been received by them only
- National cases that Lancashire referred to the CRU, or sent in further correspondence for advice.
- Referrals received following the mandatory criteria.

Note – it cannot be quantified whether Lancashire police required assistance for other national cases which the CRU sent advice for but for which Lancashire did not send in a referral form.

Yours sincerely  
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

### Internal Review

Any request for an internal review will be acknowledged and responded to, based on the specific wording of your initial request only.

We ask that any rationale to request an internal review, does not include any requests for new information and ask that these be submitted by separate email. We will acknowledge as a new request and aggregate to your initial request in compliance with the legislation.

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 working days of the date of this response.

The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.