



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 19/01/2024

2024/011 - Homeless Deaths 2023

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please can I request the number of deaths from 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 (inclusive) in each of the following housing situations in your local authority area:

- **accommodation for homeless people commissioned by your council, including hostels and supported accommodation for people identified as rough sleeping or with a history of rough sleeping**
- **exempt accommodation**
- **temporary accommodation commissioned by your local authority**
- **supported accommodation for homeless young people commissioned by your council**
- **rough sleeping or with no fixed abode**

Where you have access to any of the following information, please include the cause of death or suspected cause of death, date of death, the person's gender, the person's age when they died, their ethnicity, and their immigration status. If you cannot provide any of this additional information, then please just provide the number of deaths.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We have searched our icad system (calls to the control room) for 'SUDDEN / SUSPICIOUS_DEATH', this has resulted in 1230 incidents. Additionally, there are 32 occurrences on our Records Management System (RMS). Unfortunately, there are no fields in the systems to say whether the addresses are temporary accommodation etc and we do not have a list of all the accommodation types either. Therefore to obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system to see if it advised within the details that the accommodation fit the criteria in your request. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 18/01/2024