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NORTH WALES
POLICE

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2024/078 - Suspicious parcels

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. How many suspicious parcels were reported to your police force from January 1st 2023 – January 1st 2024? This might include:

- **Parcels with protruding wires, aluminium foil, or oil stains**
- **Parcels emitting a peculiar odour**
- **Greasy or oily patches on the package**
- **Packages sealed in such a way so as to encourage opening the package at a particular end**
- **Unusually printed address that might include spelling errors**
- **Adverse physical reaction to the handling of the package – e.g., itching or irritation**
- **No return address or return address that cannot be verified**
- **Unusual postmark or no postmark**

2. Of these, how many suspicious parcels were reported from a business address? How many were reported from a home address?

3. If possible, can you provide a month by month breakdown of the number of suspicious parcels reported (from any address).

4. In total, how many of the suspicious parcels reported to any address from January 1st 2023 – January 1st 2024 actually contained a hazardous, dangerous, or illegal item? This might include:

- **Substances and objects which may explode**
- **Gases which have been compressed, liquefied, or dissolved under pressure**
- **Flammable liquids and solids**
- **Biological substances**
- **Asbestos**
- **Controlled drugs and narcotics**
- **Corrosives**
- **Live creatures, insects, and invertebrates**
- **Waste, dirt, filth, or refuse**
- **Weapons and sharp objects**
- **Poisons, toxic liquids, solids, and gases**
- **Obscene publications or unlawful indecent images**

We have carried our searches on keywords and most relevant event types:

Search of 2023 RMS occurrences with bomb/terror dispatch types or offence codes relating to noxious substances - no relevant occurrences relating to suspicious mail.

Keyword search of all ICAD Events in 2023 reference to suspicious/unusual parcels/packages/mail/letters/envelopes in the event comments - nil return.

ICAD Events 2023 with latest subtype relating to terror/bomb/suspicious objects/packages.
These have been manually read to ensure they relate to a parcel;

Month	Latest Subtype	Location Common Place Name	Comments
Jan	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	THERE IS A STRONG SMELL FROM THE PACKAGE - THREAT: INFT REPORTING POSSIBLY DRUGS INSIDE A PACKAGE -
Jan	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	The package smelled of cannabis
Feb	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	The package is concerning as it smells of cannabis.
Feb	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	DELIVERY OFFICE HAVE HAD A PARCEL IN THIS MORNING WHICH SMELLS STRONGLY
Feb	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	CANNABIS
Apr	SUS_OBJ/PACK	HAPPY VALLEY ROAD	INF REPORTING A SUS PACKAGE, IS ALL WRAPPED UP WITH CELLOTAPE, ITS UNDER A BENCH UNDER THE COVER NEAR WHERE I HAVE PLACED EVENT
Apr	SUS_OBJ/PACK	HMP BERWYN	CAUGHT A VISITOR TRYING TO PASS ITEMS THROUGH TO A PRISONER.
May	SUS_OBJ/PACK	MYNYDD ISA	INF HAS COLLECTED THEM FROM THE ALLEY AND PLACED THEM ON HER DRIVEWAY* THEY HAVE JUST FOUND A BOX - WITH 4 CANNISTER - " GOLD WHIP"
Jun	SUS_OBJ/PACK	GLAN CONWY	area male has come across this suspicious package and believes it, CARRY OUT A LIVE EXPLOSION IN A NEARBY FIELD - THEY WILL BE DOING THAT SOON
Jun	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	CONTAINED WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE CANNABIS ALONG WITH NUMEROUS COLOSTOMY BAG. CAN
Jun	SUS_OBJ/PACK	POST OFFICE	A SUS PACKAGE SMELLS OF CANNABIS - WRAPPED IN POLYPHENE.
Jul	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	INFT REPORTING SUS SMELLING PACKAGE AT THE LOC
Jul	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	DRUGS OFFENCES
Aug	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL SORTING OFFICE	CRE - EVENT SUMMARY: Royal mail reporting a suspicious package - DRUGS OFFENCES
Aug	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	PARCEL IS IN THE CARE OF ROYAL MAIL SO NO IMMEDIATE - knife.
Aug	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	WE ARE GOING TO SPEAK TO THE RESIDENT THAT THE PACKAGE WAS BEING - DRUGS OFFENCES
Aug	SUS_OBJ/PACK	LLANBERIS	MOP HAS HANDED THE INFT A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE - DRUGS OFFENCES
Oct	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	INFT REPORTING A PARCEL AT THE LOC - REPORTING A SUS PACKAGE WHICH THEY CAN TELL CONTAINS CANNABIS
Nov	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ROYAL MAIL	arrived and smell of cannabis.
Nov	SUS_OBJ/PACK	Rhyl	CALLER REPORTING A PARCEL TURNED UP THIS MORNING VIA ROYAL MAIL - CALLER THINKS ITS KIDS HANDWRITTING - CALLER WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THE PARCEL

Dec	SUS_OBJ/PACK	Llandudno	BOXES TOGETHER CALLER SEEM IT VERY ODD LOCATION AND IT JUST LEFT ON THE PAVEMENT -by fire station and there is a box there wrapped up in red
Dec	SUS_OBJ/PACK	ALDI	OFFICER TO ATTEND AND ASSESS - NO CAUSE OF CONCERN

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 22/01/2024