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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2024/1112 – Stalking

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Since 2013 how many stalking reports has your force received from the public per calendar year?

Calendar Year	Stalking Offence Occurrences
2013	32
2014	37
2015	25
2016	29
2017	72
2018	274
2019	627
2020	1891
2021	2012
2022	1964
2023	1961
2024	1894

2. Does your force have a stalking clinic or multi-agency teams specifically aimed at addressing stalking offending?

Yes

If yes: When did the force first begin using or participating in a stalking clinic?

A stalking panel has been piloted in the central area of the force since April 2024. The aim of the Stalking Panel is to provide a multi-agency forum for discussion of the higher risk stalking cases within the Denbighshire and Conwy areas (one panel covering both areas) on a monthly basis to identify risk, stalking behaviours and opportunities for preventing further stalking through perpetrator interventions and victim safeguarding. The stalking panel will bring together representatives from Police, Probation, Victim Support Services, Health and Crown Prosecution Service to understand the motivations for the stalking behaviour and produce an individual risk assessment and management plan, whilst keeping the victim at the heart of the process. CPS started to attend the panel since Sept 2024. The force are continuing to engage with health

partners to gain commitment to the panel, BCUHB Criminal Justice Lead Service have attended the panel since August 2024.

A Detective Sergeant has been seconded to Cheshire's Harm Reduction Unit since Sept 24 to learn best Practice for a multi agency approach to tackling stalking in North Wales. Secondment in place for 6 months.

3. The number of stalking offences referred to the clinic, per calendar year.

23 stalking perpetrators referred since April to Oct 24 (5 stalking panels held during this pilot phase)

4. Do North Wales Police record whether an individual has engaged in a stalking clinic?

No, work on going to identify suitable perpetrator intervention for compulsive obsessive behaviour

5. Do North Wales Police record the stalking reoffending rates since the implementation of the stalking clinic? If yes what are the statistics?

No

6. Are there any mechanisms in place to monitor individuals after they have attended the stalking clinic?

7. What treatment or behavioural intervention methods are used in the stalking clinic?

Nothing specific in place as yet to tackle stalking behaviours

8. How do you ensure the safety of victims while the perpetrator is participating in or after completing the clinic?

Victim safeguarding is considered and updated within each panel discussion working closely with the Officer in Charge and/or the Victim caseworker or IDVA.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 05/12/2024