



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 14/03/2024

2024/160 - Novel Synthetic Opioids

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force about novel synthetic opioid seizures.

1. Does the force test for novel synthetic opioids? If yes, please list which.

By novel synthetic opioids, I mean opioids such as nitazenes and fentanyl, but not synthetic opioids such as e.g. tramadol or methadone.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. 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.

In the years to March, 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; and so far in 2024:

2. (a) How many seizures of nitazenes or substances containing nitazenes (if possible, please specify which nitazene, e.g. Etonitazene) did the police force make?

(i) If possible - please specify the 'main' substance seized (e.g. heroin adulterated with Etonitazene)

(ii) If possible - please specify the quantity seized in each incident.

(iii) If possible - please specify where these seizures took place.

In the years to March, 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; and so far in 2024:

3. (a) How many seizures of other novel synthetic opioids, or substances containing other novel synthetic opioids (if possible, please specify which type, e.g. Carfentanil) did the force make?

(i) If possible - please specify the 'main' substance seized and what form it was in (e.g. heroin adulterated with Carfentanil, or fake Oxydone pill adulterated with Carfentanil)

(ii) If possible - please specify the quantity seized in each incident.

(iii) If possible - please specify where these seizures took place.

Drug seizures data is collated and submitted to the Home Office for publishing.

By virtue of section 21 (1) information accessible to the applicant by other means, I can confirm that the information is already in the public domain and can be accessed at the following website:

[Seizures of drugs in England and Wales statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seizures-of-drugs-in-england-and-wales-statistics)

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) 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 13/03/2023