



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 13/03/2024

2024/261 - Vetting

In response to your recent request for information excess costs is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. How many police officers are employed by North Wales Police?

Officer strength is available on our website and is published quarterly;
[Published items | North Wales Police](#)

2. How many of them have been vetted in the last a) three years b) five years c) ten years

a & b) There are too many variables to work out as there are many different types of reasons why someone's vetting would be reviewed.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. The information you have requested is not automatically searchable on our vetting system, there are many variables to work out as there are many different types of reasons why someone's vetting would be reviewed. Additionally, older information is stored on scanned in paper files. Therefore 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.

c) everyone bar the 3 mentioned in Q4 as ten years is the maximum life of vetting clearance

3. How many officers have you stripped of their duties after they were vetted in the past 10 years? This data should be provided on an annual basis

2 in 2023

4. How many vetting reports have expired and not been redone? How many of those are for former officers?

3 expired – 2 x in process, 1 x off sick.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 11/03/2024