



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:05/07/2024

2024/586 - Sex trafficking and exploitation

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1) Please could you provide me with the number of investigations into sex trafficking recorded by your force, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).**
- 2, Please could you provide me with the number of victims of sex trafficking identified in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
Of these please could you break them down by their nationality (if unknown please state)
Of these please could you break them down by adult/child victims (if unknown please state)**
- 3) Please could you provide me with the number of sex trafficking suspects identified in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).**
- 4) Please could you provide me with the number of charges in relation to sex trafficking in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
Of these please could you confirm the number charged under the modern day slavery act.
If any were charged under the "alternate offences rule" please could you give me the number and offence charged**
- 5) Please could you provide me with the number of convictions for sex trafficking in your force area, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).
Of these please could you confirm the number convicted under the modern day slavery act
If any were charged under the "alternate offences rule" please could you give me the number and offence convicted**
- 6) Please could you provide me with the number of staff solely investigating sex trafficking, broken down annually from 2018 until 2022 (inclusive).**

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.

However, there is similar relevant information to what has been requested available via open source (namely the Home Office). Whilst it is National rather than specific to North Wales Police, it may be of value to you.

Please see below a link to the NRM reports held by the home office: [National Referral Mechanism statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-referral-mechanism-statistics)

After reviewing this data if you have a more specific request, we will re-review.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/06/2024