



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 19/07/2024

2024/615 - unidentified bodies

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. How many unidentified bodies or sets of human remains you currently have under your jurisdiction, broken down by decade found, gender, and ethnicity.**

None.

North Wales Police do not have any unidentified bodies or sets of human remains seized under PACE. They are the possession of the coroner utilising the coroners' powers of retention.

- 2. How many of these unidentified persons cases are represented on the National Crime Agency's database (found here).**

All unidentified persons cases held by North Wales Police are represented on the NCA database.

- 3. How many of these unidentified persons have facial reconstructions or facial photos associated with them.**

None of the cases held by North Wales Police have facial reconstructions.

- 4. How many of these unidentified persons have DNA associated with them, broken down according to testing status.**

3 of the cases held by North Wales Police have full DNA Profiles.

- 5. How many of these unidentified persons are assigned to an investigator.**

All of the cases held by North Wales Police were assigned to an investigator under NWP Op Orchid.

- 6. How many of the investigations into identifying these bodies or sets of remains would be considered "cold" i.e., all viable leads in the investigation have been exhausted and the Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) considers there is nothing further that can be progressed in the investigation at that time.**

All of the cases held by North Wales Police are now considered "cold cases".

- 7. Whether you currently engaging with any charities, universities, or other organisations (e.g., Locate International, Missing People) to further investigation of unidentified persons cases.**

Op Orchid has previously engaged with Locate International but there are no ongoing enquiries.

- 8. Your currently status with regards to the use of forensic/investigative genetic genealogy (FIGG) to investigate unidentified persons cases.**

FIGG has not been used by NWP in relation to these found bodies.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 03/07/2024