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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 18/07/2024

2024/640 - Roadside check points

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The relevant power to require co-operation with preliminary test(s) is s6 RTA 1988 and the basic power to stop any vehicle on the road is 163 RTA 1988. Although, there is a power for 'road checks' - s4 PACE 1988 that isn't applicable to RTA offences (such as s4/5 (drink/drug driving)) and ordinarily requires superintendent authorisation.

I refer to the BBC Article accessible via weblink

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c03224yp75eo> as an example where it is stated "Cambridgeshire police officers have carried out roadside checks as part of a drink driving campaign launched on 1 December"

- 1. I would like to know the number of times in the last 3 months (April, May and June) a group of officers (of more than 4) from your Police Force were deployed to a location and stationed to carry out roadside check points? Please can you advise if authorisation from a Superintendent was required**
- 2. Please provide the number of road traffic offences recorded from each location as a result of cars being pulled over by the stationed police officers**

North Wales Police do not specifically record the data requested.

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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 17/07/2024