



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 23/08/2024

2024/742 - QR fraud

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

-The number of reports involving the key words 'QR fraud' or 'QR scam' or 'QR' from 2022 to now. Please provide a month by month breakdown.

-Details of the allegation made including the exact location the offence allegedly took place (for example an NCPP car park) and the original purpose of the QR code (for example to pay for parking, or order a meal online).

-The number of arrests and or charges made

Calendar Year	Calendar Month Long	HO Description	Arrest Record	Outcome	Summary
2024	April	Non Counting Fraud Crime	N	Non Crime	The victim received an e-mail from 02 advising his new phone had been dispatched. The victim contacted 02 to advise he had not ordered a phone and he subsequently received a QR code to return the phone to 02 once it had been delivered. The victim was then advised the QR code was fake, and the phone had been sent to the wrong address. Unclear if the victim is at a loss
2024	April	Non Counting Fraud Crime	N	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	The victim received two suspicious messages on WhatsApp with a QR advising numbers had changed. The IP recognised this as a fraud and took no action. He was advised by another person that they too had received a message suggesting the Ips number had changed. No financial loss reported.
2024	August	Other Fraud (Not covered elsewhere)	N	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	over the weekend unknown offender's have placed QR code stickers on over 40 pay and display parking machines from Colwyn bay to Llandudno as a payment option this is fraud and all QR codes have now been removed

2024	June	Other Fraud (Not covered elsewhere)	N	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	IP HAS SCANNED A FAKE QR CODE AND PERSONS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO TAKE MONIES FROM HIS BANK
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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/08/2024