



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 28/08/2024

2024/786 - Clare's Law requests

Although excess cost removed 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.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1) The number of Clare's Law requests that are accepted each year by Heddlu Gogledd Cymru.**
- 2) The number of Clare's Law requests that are rejected each year by Heddlu Gogledd Cymru.**
- 3) The average wait time each year for a Clare's Law request to be responded to, each year by Heddlu Gogledd Cymru.**
- 4) The highest wait time for a Clare's Law request to be responded, to each year by Heddlu Gogledd Cymru.**

I would like you to provide the information in pdf form if possible, with a yearly breakdown from 2018-2024.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information where it is stated 'not available' 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.

Please note: the recording of waiting time only came into effect mid 2021 and therefore the totals are based on the data available from that period onwards.

Please find attached the data we have been able to retrieve.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/08/2024

	Authorised (Accepted)	Not Authorised (Rejected)	Average wait time (days)	Longest wait time (days)
2018	61	79	Data not available	Data not available
2019	82	101	Data not available	Data not available
2020	70	114	Data not available	Data not available
2021	66	199	32	122
2022	87	158	25	70
2023	176	277	33	145
2024 (Jan - 31/07)	164	219	30	202