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NORTH WALES
POLICE

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2024/863 - Social Media Compliance

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant which removes 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;

Please provide the following information for the period 2019 to 2024 for North Wales Police. If possible please present the information in six month sections. So in total this would be

- **Jan-Jun 2019**
- **Jul-Dec 2019**
- **Jan-Jun 2020**
- **Jul-Dec 2020**
- **Jan-Jun 2021**
- **Jul-Dec 2021**
- **Jan-Jun 2022**
- **Jul-Dec 2022**
- **Jan-Jun 2023**
- **Jul-Dec 2023**
- **Jan-Jun 2024**

1. The total number of investigations began by North Wales Police within those periods

Date grouping	Count
JAN-JUN 2019	30535
JAN-JUN 2020	26673
JAN-JUN 2021	29291
JAN-JUN 2022	34051
JAN-JUN 2023	29772
JAN-JUN 2024	26685
JUL-DEC 2019	30690
JUL-DEC 2020	29537
JUL-DEC 2021	34422
JUL-DEC 2022	31535
JUL-DEC 2023	27905
Sum:	331096

- 2. The total number of investigations by North Wales Police within those periods, in which information to support prosecution, other than that which is already in the public domain, was requested from the company Meta, or any of its subsidiaries or trading names.**
- 3. The total number of investigations by North Wales Police within those periods, in which any of the information requested in point 3 was subsequently provided by Meta.**

4. **The total number of requests by North Wales Police, within those periods, made to Meta for any information other than that in the public domain.**
5. **Of the requests in point 4, how many were successful for each period?**

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 17/09/2024