



Response Date:04/02/2025

2025/069 - Custody Image Database

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**In relation to the date range 01/01/24 to 31/12/24.
Please provide the following;**

- 1. Total number of individuals who have images held in the forces' custody image database across 2024**
- 2. Number of individuals who have had images added to the forces' custody image database**
- 3. Number of individuals who have had all of their images deleted from the forces' custody image database**

A photo is taken for every recordable offence. The images are retained unless the result of the investigation is no further action (NFA).

So if there are detainees who have been NFA'd who have not committed any other offences, they will not have an image stored on RMS but they will have a custody record and detention authorised date. The RMS record would still show the complaint, investigation, suspect details, results etc but we do not retain fingerprints or photographs in this circumstance.

- 4. Number of individuals who have been released from custody after receiving no charges**

3883 Arrest Records (2024 arrest date) with only No Further Action disposal (NFA)

- 5. Number of individuals who have been released from custody after receiving no charges, and have subsequently had all of their images removed from the forces' custody image database**
 - a. Please also list the number of these individuals (no charges) who have requested to have their custody images deleted**

Please see the answer above for questions 1-3

- 6. Total number of image deletion requests submitted to the North Wales Police**
 - a. Also include a numerical breakdown of those accepted or declined**

No specific requests for the deletion of custody images.

- 7. Please also confirm if the custody image database is used by any facial recognition services / processes**
 - a. If so, please list which ones.**

Yes we use facial recognition in PND for custody images.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 03/02/2025