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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 27/01/2025

2025/075 – Drug Drive

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

The number of drug driving arrests

Please can you provide the numbers broken down year-by-year, featuring monthly data for those years – please include data for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Offences included;

HO Code	Reason Description
803/10	Drive a vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)
803/12	In charge of vehicle whilst unfit through drugs (recordable)
803/13	Drive motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)
803/15	In charge of a motor vehicle with proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit (recordable)
803/16	Attempt to drive a motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit (recordable)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	63	99	88	67	95	85
February	66	92	104	57	71	90
March	103	89	102	72	93	106
April	71	125	92	62	70	88
May	80	129	85	70	76	101
June	88	164	58	65	68	96
July	94	140	67	76	83	107
August	72	121	52	68	76	78
September	87	86	64	54	72	84
October	112	104	70	71	65	94
November	117	70	59	83	86	113

December	91	79	78	83	87	108
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If possible, please also indicate which drug was present in the bloodstream for each drug driving arrest.

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 27/01/2025