



Response Date:21/01/2025

2025/085 - Missing person episode

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;

Where possible, can you please provide me with the following in regards to missing persons:

1. Number of individual adults reported missing in the last rolling twelve months.

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.

However, North Wales Police (NWP) received 1,354 MISPER reports for adults (18+).

2. Total number of missing "periods" reported to your force (1 adult reported as missing twice would be two "periods").

Please see the answer to question 1.

3. Percentage of adults who are known to have been caused harm during a missing person episode.

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

4. Percentage of adults who are known to have caused themselves harm during a missing person episode.

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

5. Percentage of these adults reported as missing who could be considered as "frequent mispers" (10+ episodes in a rolling twelve month period).

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

6. Number of individual children reported missing in the last rolling twelve months.

Please see the answer to question 1.

However, NWP received 3,069 MISPER reports for children (0 – 17yrs).

7. Total number of missing “periods” for children.

Please see the answer to question 6.

8. Total number of these children reported missing from care homes.

1,248

9. Percentage of children who have been caused harm during a missing person episode.

Please see the answer to question 1.

10. Percentage of children who have caused themselves harm during a missing person episode.

Please see the answer to question 1.

11. Percentage of these children that have been reported as missing who could be considered as “frequent mispers” (20+ episodes in a rolling twelve month period).

Please see the answer to question 1.

12. Total number of low risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

2019 (from 01/04) = 160

2020 = 176

2021 = 195

2022 = 190

2023 = 131

2024 = 159

13. Average length of time missing for low risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

14. Number of low risk missing persons who have been found deceased during a missing period (for each of the last 5 years)

Please see the answer to question 1.

15. Total number of medium risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

2019 (from 01/04) = 2,065

2020 = 2,007

2021 = 1,975

2022 = 2,868

2023 = 3,473

2024 = 3,563

16. Average length of time missing for medium risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

17. Number of medium risk missing persons who have been found deceased during a missing period (for each of the last 5 years)

Please see the answer to question 1.

18. Total number of high risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

2019 (from 01/04) = 187

2020 = 154

2021 = 149

2022 = 176

2023 = 201

2024 = 248

19. Average length of time missing for high risk missing persons (for each of the last 5 years)

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

20. Number of high risk missing persons who have been found deceased during a missing period (for each of the last 5 years)

Please see the answer to question 1.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 20/01/2025