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2025/1231 - Misconduct hearings and investigations

In response to your recent request for information regarding 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.

How much has the North Wales force spent on misconduct hearings and investigations against officers in the latest 12 month period for which figures are available, and the 12 months before? How many officers have been under investigation?

We do not track the overall costs of conduct investigations. Our legal department records on costs for misconduct cases as below:-

2024 - £26,650.98

2025 - £41,031.22.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) may record other costs. You may wish to direct your request to them;

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For the period 27/11/23 to 27/11 24 - 47 Conduct cases were created in respect of officers, although some cases may have been in relation to the same officer.

For the period 27/11/24 to 27/11 25 - 42 Conduct cases were created in respect of officers, although some cases may have been in relation to the same officer.

It is not possible to identify how many officers were under investigation during those periods, as some cases may have been created at an earlier point and have remained live and under investigation. Additionally, some of the cases created might not have been under active investigation, having been suspended in line with legislation.

In order to address the query regarding "under investigation" that would require a daily manual check of a high number of cases. 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.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 02/12/2025