



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:16/04/2025

2025/422 - Investigations

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.

- 1. The total number of stalking and harassment offences cases your police force has dealt with per financial year, for the past five years. Please display the total case numbers for stalking and harassment separately.**
- 2. The total number of stalking and harassment cases in which a physical tracking device was used. This can include an AirTag, SmartTag, Tile, GPS tracker, car tracker. Please display the total case numbers for stalking and harassment separately, and provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.**
- 3. The total number of stalking and harassment offences in which a digital tracking device was used. This can include a social media tracker, Life360, phone App tracker. Please display the total case numbers for stalking and harassment separately, and provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.**
- 4. The total number of controlling / coercive behaviour cases your police for has dealt with per financial year, for the past five years.**
- 5. The total number of controlling / coercive behaviour cases in which a physical tracking device was used. This can include an AirTag, SmartTag, Tile, GPS tracker, car tracker. Please provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.**
- 6. The total number of controlling / coercive behaviour cases in which a digital tracking device was used. This can include a social media tracker, Life360, phone App tracker.**

Please provide this information per financial year, for the past five years.

All Offence

Offence Description	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Controlling and Coercive Behaviour	803	1233	1095	1128	1148
Harassment	4016	5770	4799	4687	4841
Stalking	2008	2027	1896	2040	2027

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We have carried out a search for a keyword searches of occurrence summary or enquiry log for "tracker", "airtag", "smart tag", "GPS", "Tile" or "Life360", this resulted in 1827 occurrences. To establish if the occurrences are relevant to your request would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The

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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 11/04/2025