



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:16/04/2025

2025/427 - Knives seized from minors by police

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;

Please can you provide the following information for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 calendar years:

1 - How many knives were seized by police following stop and search

2 - How many knives were seized by police from people aged under 18 following stop and search

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested regarding if the knife was seized 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, we have obtained data from our crime recording system for mid-2020 regarding stop searches and whether bladed article was found.

Please also note: Prior to mid 2020 we recorded stops on a separate database and we cannot easily extract information for the first half of 2020. Therefore 2020 is a partial year.

Calendar Year	18 and Over	No DOB Recorded	Under 18	Total
2020	11	0	2	13
2021	49	0	11	60
2022	27	1	18	46
2023	40	0	7	47

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2024	36	0	13	49
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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