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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2025/435 - Police forces - CSE

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;

a) The number of cases with a 'CSE flag' applied for the calendar years 2020 - 2024.

Calendar Year	CSE Flagged Occurrences (Crime/Non-Crime)	Notifiable Offences	Occs + SG Referral*
2020	103	59	13
2021	173	118	15
2022	175	137	19
2023	313	258	17
2024	277	228	11

* SG - occs where the occurrence type is recorded as "PP Safeguarding - Child" or the occurrence summary starts with "Email Referral" - this is unlikely to be fully accurate and a manual review of occurrences may indicate more referrals. However, to check the data 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.

b) A breakdown by ethnicity of perpetrators for those cases applied a CSE flag.

We have counted the number of suspect IDs, arrested IDs, offender IDs and where any of the three have multiple counts have included, these should not be summed as they are separate counts.

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Suspect SDE	Occurrences	Unique Nominals
A2. Asian - Pakistani	3	2
A3. Asian - Bangladeshi	2	2
A9. Any other Asian background	2	2
B2. Black African	1	1
M1. White & Black Caribbean	2	2
M9. Any other mixed background	7	6
No SDE Recorded	111	114
O1. Chinese	2	1
O9. Any other ethnic group	6	4
Refused/Not Stated	54	53
W1. White British	312	283
W2. White Irish	2	2
W9. Any other white background	24	19

Arrested SDE	Occurrences	Unique Nominals
A2. Asian - Pakistani	1	1
A9. Any other Asian background	3	3
B2. Black African	1	1
M1. White & Black Caribbean	1	1
M3. White & Asian	1	1
M9. Any other mixed background	2	2
No SDE Recorded	1	1
O1. Chinese	1	1
O9. Any other ethnic group	1	1
Refused/Not Stated	13	14
W1. White British	150	147
W2. White Irish	1	1
W9. Any other white background	19	18

Offender SDE	Occurrences	Unique Nominals
M9. Any other mixed background	1	1
No SDE Recorded	2	2
O9. Any other ethnic group	5	3

Refused/Not Stated	4	4
W1. White British	92	74
W9. Any other white background	3	3

- c) The number of “live” group-based CSE investigations led by your force for the years 2020 - 2024, including those progressing through the criminal justice system. “Group based”, in this context, means those crimes involving two or more offenders. If possible, broken down by the number of individuals in each “group”/gang.**

Calendar Year	Count Suspects	Count Arrested	Count Offenders
2020	2	1	1
2020	3	1	1
2021	2	2	0
2021	2	2	0
2021	2	1	1
2021	2	0	0
2022	2	0	0
2022	0	4	0
2022	2	2	2
2022	2	0	0
2022	2	0	1
2023	2	1	1
2023	1	2	0
2023	2	0	0
2023	3	0	0
2023	2	0	0
2023	2	0	0
2023	2	0	0
2023	2	0	0
2023	2	1	0
2023	1	2	1
2023	2	0	0
2023	3	0	0
2023	2	0	0
2024	2	0	0
2024	2	1	0
2024	2	0	2
2024	2	0	0
2024	3	0	0
2024	2	1	0
2024	0	2	0
2024	2	0	0
2024	2	0	0

d) The number of safeguarding referrals received 2020 - 2024 for children because of sexual exploitation concerns.

Please see the answer to Question 1

e) The number of Child Abduction Warning Notices (CAWN) issued to adults 2014 - 2025, and a breakdown by ethnicity of those presented with one.

We only have data from 2020

Date Issued	Involved SDE	Involved Ethnicity
Oct-20	W1. White British	White - North European
Dec-20	W1. White British	White - North European
May-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Apr-21	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown
May-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Jun-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Aug-21	No SDE Recorded	
Sep-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Sep-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Sep-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Nov-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Nov-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Dec-21	W1. White British	White - North European
Jan-22	W1. White British	White - North European
Mar-22	W1. White British	White - North European
Mar-22	W1. White British	White - North European
May-22	W1. White British	White - North European
Jun-22	W9. Any other white background	White - North European
Jun-22	W1. White British	White - North European
Jun-22	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Jul-22	W1. White British	White - North European
Sep-22	B2. Black African	Black
Sep-22	B2. Black African	Black
Dec-22	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Jan-23	W1. White British	White - North

		European
Jan-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Feb-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Feb-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Mar-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Mar-23		
Mar-23	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Jun-23	G02	White - North European
Jul-23	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Jul-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Jul-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Jul-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Sep-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Oct-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Oct-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Oct-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Nov-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Dec-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Dec-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Dec-23	W1. White British	White - North European
Jan-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Jan-24	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown
Feb-24	M3. White & Asian	Unknown
Feb-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Mar-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Apr-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Apr-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Apr-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Jul-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Jul-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Jul-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North

		European
Aug-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Aug-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Sep-24		
Sep-24	W9. Any other white background	White - North European
Sep-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Oct-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Oct-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Oct-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Nov-24	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown
Nov-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Dec-24	W1. White British	White - North European
Dec-24	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown
Dec-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
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Dec-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Dec-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Dec-24	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Dec-24	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown
Jan-25	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Jan-25	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Feb-25	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Feb-25	Not Stated/Refused	White - North European
Apr-25	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown
Apr-25	W1. White British	White - North European
Apr-25	W1. White British	White - North European
Apr-25	Not Stated/Refused	Unknown

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 01/05/2025