



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:03/06/2025

2025/513 - Dating App Platforms

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. The number of requests your police force has made to dating app or dating website platforms (e.g., Tinder, Bumble, Grindr, Hinge, Plenty of Fish, Match.com, Feeld, etc.) regarding investigations or incidents, for each of the past two calendar years (e.g., 2023 and 2024).

2. For each year, please break down the number of requests by platform, if recorded.

3. If available, please also provide a brief description of the types of incidents that led to the requests (e.g., sexual assault, fraud, harassment), noting that no personally identifiable information is requested.

If it would reduce the cost of compliance, I am happy to receive data limited to the top five most-requested platforms or responses disregarding the breakdown of the types of incidents.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. There is no central repository/database for these type of requests and there are different legal mechanisms such as DPA, PACE Production Orders etc. To obtain all the information in the format you have requested would involve asking all departments/employees and possibly reviewing 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.

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.

We can provide requests made under IPA and for comms data.

2024

Grindr x 1 (sexual offences)

Hinge x 1 (Malicious Communications)

There is nothing for 2023

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/05/2025