



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:10/07/2025

2025/671 - Use of Independent Advisory Groups in CSA/CSE Case Assessments (2000–2024)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the number of child sexual abuse (CSA) and child sexual exploitation (CSE) allegations/reports or cases that were referred to or assessed by any Independent Advisory Group (IAG) within your force for the purposes of advising on whether the case should proceed to charge and/or prosecution.

Please provide this information broken down by calendar year or financial year from 2000 to 2024 (or as far back as records permit).

If available, please also indicate:

- 1. Whether the IAG advice was formally recorded in case files or meeting minutes.**
- 2. What proportion of CSA/CSE cases were referred to an IAG in each year.**
- 3. The role or remit of IAGs in influencing charging/prosecution decisions in such cases.**

If no such referrals have ever taken place, or if your force does not involve IAGs in such decisions, please confirm this.

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit, please prioritise information from 2010 onwards and advise if the request can be refined.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to your request.

The force do not utilise a IAG to seek advice around charging for CSA or CSE investigations. Charging advice is sought through CPS.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/01/2025

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