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2025/853 - Sexual Offences Handling & Registered Offender Counts (9 Aug 2020 – 8 Aug 2025)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Scope / time period:

> Please provide the information requested below for the five-year period up to and including today: from 9 August 2020 to 8 August 2025 inclusive. Where you hold data by calendar or financial year, please provide a yearly breakdown for: 2020 (partial: from 9 Aug 2020), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (partial: to 8 Aug 2025). For every item below, break down results by year and by victim age group: Child (under 18 at date of report) and Adult (18 and over at date of report). Please also include a total for the whole period.

> If a dataset field cannot be produced exactly as requested, please provide the nearest equivalent exportable data (e.g., internal category codes) and explain the difference.

> **Section A – Child victims warned they could be subject to criminal investigation/arrest**
1. For incidents involving a child victim, the number of occasions where police informed the child or child family that they themselves could be subject to criminal investigation or arrest under the Sexual Offences Act where the other party was an adult. Provide counts by year (as defined above) If you record whether this occurred in writing or verbally, please include that breakdown.

> **Section B – Victim updates released before formal notification**

2. The number of cases where police released public updates or press statements about a suspect's remand, charge, sentence, or release before the victim (adult or child) had been formally notified. Provide counts broken down by:

- > Year (as above).
- > Victim age group (adult / child).
- > Type of update (e.g., remand/charge, court appearance, sentencing, release from custody).

> **Section C – Family / parental arrests or interviews arising from complaints**

3. For reports where the victim was a child and where police action involved arrest or formal interview of a parent or immediate family member arising from complaints by (a) the police, or (b) the alleged predator, please provide (counts by year):

- > Number of parents/family members arrested.
- > Number of parents/family members formally charged.
- > Number of parents/family members convicted.

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- > Number of parents/family members released without charge.
- > Please indicate whether the original victim was a child or adult for each count.
- > 4. Repeat the counts in (3) for cases where the victim was an adult.
- > (If your systems do not link “parent/family member” to incidents directly, provide the nearest available proxy – e.g., arrests linked to the same incident ID – and explain the method used.)
- > Section D – Outcomes for sexual offences reports 5. For all crime reports recorded under the Sexual Offences Act in the period, provide counts by year and by victim age (adult / child) for each outcome category at case closure or finalisation:
 - > No further action (NFA) / no prosecution.
 - > Released pending further investigation (i.e., not charged at initial decision).
 - > Charged (formal charge applied).
 - > Convicted (court conviction recorded).
 - > Found not guilty / acquitted.
- > Section E – Additional counts requested (to expose poor practice)
- > 6. Number of occasions where a victim (adult or child) was informed that they might be treated as a suspect in the same investigation (counts by year and victim age).
- > 7. Number of occasions where the police recorded an internal investigation or misconduct review relating to handling of sexual offence allegations (counts by year; indicate whether linked to adult or child victim).
- > 8. Number of occasions where external bodies (CPS, IOPC, Local Authority Safeguarding) were notified about concerns relating to police handling of sexual offence cases (by year and victim age).
- > Section F – Registered sex offenders (on / off the register), proximity to schools / parks, and town-level counts
- > 9. For each year in the period, provide the following aggregate counts for persons resident in the area your force manages (do not provide any names, addresses, or other personally-identifiable information):
 - > a. Number currently subject to notification requirements (on-register) under the Sex Offenders Act or equivalent who were resident in the force area on the snapshot date for that year.
 - > b. Number no longer on the register (previously required to notify but removed lawfully) who were resident in the force area on the snapshot date for that year.
 - > c. For the populations in (a) and (b) separately, the number whose registered/residential address is located within a three-minute walk of:
 - > Any school;
 - > Any public park or playground;
 - > Either a school or a park (combined).
 - > d. For all counts in (a), (b), and (c), also provide a breakdown by town (or equivalent local administrative area / policing district used in your published crime statistics). If exact “town” boundaries are not recorded, use the nearest equivalent spatial category available (e.g., beat area, sector, neighbourhood policing team boundary).
- > 10. For the proximity counts in 9(c), please also provide a short methodology statement for each year specifying:

- > **Snapshot date used for the count (e.g., 8 Aug of each year or your local snapshot date).**
- > **Whether you used registered/residential address or last known address.**
- > **The distance definition used for "3-minute walk" (e.g., pedestrian network walk-time calculation or straight-line buffer in metres) and, if metres, the radius used. If a walk-time model was used, state the data source (e.g., Ordnance Survey, local authority walkway data) or routing algorithm.**
- > **Any exclusions or caveats (e.g., suppressed addresses, sheltered housing exclusions, definition of school sites).**
- > **Privacy note: only aggregate counts are requested. Where any town-level count would be fewer than 5 individuals, please merge into an "<5 / suppressed" category to protect privacy.**
- > **Definitions & notes for clarity**
- > **Sexual Offences Act: use your force's local crime-recording tags / NCRS/IMPACT categories that constitute sexual offences. If you use different classification, please provide a mapping.**
- > **Victim age: classify by victim age at date of report (child = under 18; adult = 18+).**
- > **Arrest / charged / convicted: use force operational records. If conviction data is held by courts and not in force systems, please indicate that and provide what you can.**
- > **"Informed" the child: include any instance where police explicitly told a child or the guardian of the child that the child could be investigated/charged, whether verbally or in writing.**
- > **Town boundaries: if you publish standard tables by town/sector/beat, please use those published categories and indicate the category name used.**

Priority / cost-limit fallback

- > **If full compliance would exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please supply the following in priority order first:**
- > **1. Section D (Outcomes for sexual offences reports).**
- > **2. Section F (Registered offender counts and methodology).**
- > **3. Section A (Child victims warned they may be investigated/arrested).**
- > **4. Section B (Victim updates released before formal notification).**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Your request asks for lots of different data which would require information from multiple departments. Much of the data requested once extracted from our system will require a significant manual review to obtain the information requested. The cost of comply with your request 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.

With regard to answering only

Section D (Outcomes for sexual offences reports).

Section F (Registered offender counts and methodology).

Section A (Child victims warned they may be investigated/arrested) – this would require a manual search therefore the above exemption is applicable.

Section B (Victim updates released before formal notification).

We are unable to retrieve this data – see Section 12 (1) exemption.

Section D (Outcomes for sexual offences reports).

Outcomes applied to all sexual offences by fiscal year (based on date outcome was applied)

Child = aged under 16 years old.

Adult = 16 years old or over

N/A or Age Not Recorded = Where victim is a business/organisation (such as the Crown), victim is not recorded or victim DOB is not recorded

Charge/Summons (Outcome 1)	Child	Adult	N/A or Age Not Recorded	Total
2020/21	58	99	64	221
2021/22	52	66	35	153
2022/23	57	118	46	221
2023/24	50	102	47	199
2024/25	48	90	40	178
2025/26 to 17/08/2025	21	67	16	104

Other action against offender (Outcomes 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 22)	Child	Adult	N/A or Age Not Recorded	Total
2020/21	10	1	0	11
2021/22	11	8	1	20
2022/23	6	9	11	26
2023/24	6	9	3	18
2024/25	10	13	7	30
2025/26 to 17/08/2025	1	3	1	5

Offender deceased/not in the public interest (Outcomes 5, 9, 10, 20, 21)	Child	Adult	N/A or Age Not Recorded	Total
2020/21	235	134	45	414
2021/22	234	99	49	382
2022/23	144	49	25	218
2023/24	142	49	25	216
2024/25	106	38	32	176
2025/26 to 17/08/2025	51	12	8	71

Unresolved/No further action (Outcomes 11-18)	Child	Adult	N/A or Age Not Recorded	Total
2020/21	786	1541	176	2503
2021/22	661	1333	137	2131
2022/23	590	1202	108	1900
2023/24	599	1210	117	1926
2024/25	573	1335	126	2034
2025/26 to 17/08/2025	242	593	53	888

Total outcomes applied	Child	Adult	N/A or Age Not Recorded	Total
2020/21	1089	1775	285	3149
2021/22	958	1506	222	2686
2022/23	797	1378	190	2365
2023/24	797	1370	192	2359
2024/25	737	1476	205	2418
2025/26 to 17/08/2025	315	675	78	1068

Section F

9. For each year in the period, provide the following aggregate counts for persons resident in the area your force manages (do not provide any names, addresses, or other personally-identifiable information):

a. Number currently subject to notification requirements (on-register) under the Sex Offenders Act or equivalent who were resident in the force area on the snapshot date for that year.

Year	Number of Registered Sex Offenders in the community managed by North Wales Police
31/03/2020	1004
31/03/2021	1006
31/03/2022	1019
31/03/2023	1023
31/03/2024	1066
31/03/2025	1068

As ViSOR is a live database it is difficult to go back to an exact date to gather information – records that have been transferred out or archived would not be included if we attempted to run a search on ViSOR now.

Therefore, the date of the 31st of March for each year has been used as we have to provide this information to the MAPPA Annual report each year which follows the financial year model.

b. Number no longer on the register (previously required to notify but removed lawfully) who were resident in the force area on the snapshot date for that year.

Year	Number of RSO's who are no longer on the register.	Number of RSO's who were subject of the register indefinitely but were successful when applied to come off the register	Total
01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	69	15	84
01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021	83	8	91
01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022	91	4	95
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023	74	2	76
01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024	74	0	75
01/04/2024 –	107	1	108

Please note that the data for the number of RSO's who are no longer on the register (second column above) this includes the RSO's who naturally came off the register as their sentence only put them on the register for a certain number of years; those who have passed away and those who had their indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) discharged from Court and as a result is no longer subject of the notification requirements.

For the rest of Section F – 9c and 9d we are unable to provide the data for these questions. It would require manually checking over 1000 records to find out which town they are living in and then having to check with google maps or our Force maps system to see if the address is within a three-minute walk of any school / public park or playground. Therefore Section 12 (1) would also apply to this question.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/08/2025