



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:15/09/2025

2025/940 - Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The number of arrests your force has made under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988. Can this data be broken down by calendar year, from 2017 to the most recent available year.

Offences

HO Code	Reason Desc	Act
008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	S1 Malicious Communications Act
008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	S1 Malicious Communications Act
008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	S1 Malicious Communications Act
008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	S1 Malicious Communications Act
196/07	Cause to be sent by public communication network a false message to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety (recordable)	S127 Communications Act
196/07	Cause to be sent by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter (recordable)	S127 Communications Act
196/07	Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance / inconvenience / anxiety (recordable)	S127 Communications Act
196/07	Send by public communication network an offensive / indecent / obscene / menacing message / matter (recordable)	S127 Communications Act
196/07	Send false message by public electronic communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety (recordable)	S127 Communications Act

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Arrest Year (2025 up to 05/09/25)	008/72	196/07
2017	11	37
2018	17	47
2019	22	73
2020	20	97
2021	23	108
2022	16	122
2023	15	117
2024	11	140
2025	2	81

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