



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2025/957 - Missing persons

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024.

1. How many individual children (those aged 0 - 17) were reported missing in your policing area?

North Wales Police had 3,069 MISPER reports for children aged between 0 -17 yrs old, for the period of 01/01/24 – 31/12/24

2. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing children (those aged 0 - 17)?

3. How many of those missing incidents had a:

- a. Sexual exploitation marker**
- b. Mental health marker**
- c. Criminal exploitation marker**
- d. Trafficking marker**

4. In how many incidents was there evidence of harm having occurred?

5. In how many of those incidents in question 4 was the harm:

- a. Physical**
- b. Sexual**
- c. Self-harm**
- d. Suicide**
- e. Emotional / psychological**

6. If you routinely record another type of risk marker / type of harm that is not listed here, please also include that information and the number of incidents in which it was recorded.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We are able to extract some data however initial search of misper occurrences has highlighted not every child had a relevant nominal classification (missing/located/absent/abscond etc) therefore all children linked to missing person occurrence types would need checking for relevance.

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Additionally, the majority of occurrences have no stats class therefore no NICL/local qualifiers to filter to CSE etc or offence type to indicate physical/sexual harm etc. Current warning markers and flags for each individual have been extracted but again manual checks may be required to see if relevant flags as requested were present at time of report. We have been unable to extract expired flags.

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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/09/2025