



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 17/09/2025

2025/958 - Operation Snap

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I have recently been advised by NW Police that it no longer acts on video evidence submitted via Op Snap in relation to "close passes" of cyclists by motor vehicles.

This has been stated to me in response to two Op Snap submissions, as well as in response to my MP.

Please could NW Police provide the following information:

- 1. When was the policy decision made to discontinue acting on Op Snap video evidence in relation "close passes" of cyclists.**
- 2. How was the policy decision made to discontinue acting on Op Snap video evidence in relation "close passes" of cyclists. ie was the decision made by a single officer acting on his/her own, or by a team, or by a committee?**
- 3. Please provide the name(s) of the officers/staff/committee who made the policy decision in relation to 1 and 2 above.**
- 4. Please provide evidence of the written decision and or instruction to staff in relation to the policy decision to discontinue acting on Op Snap video evidence in relation "close passes" of cyclists.**
- 5. please provide all minutes of all meetings in relation to the policy decision to discontinue acting on Op Snap video evidence in relation "close passes" of cyclists.**
- 6. please provide copies of all written emails and written memos and other written notes in relation to the policy decision to discontinue acting on Op Snap video evidence in relation "close passes" of cyclists.**
- 7. Was any external consultation carried out in relation to the policy decision to discontinue acting on Op Snap video evidence in relation "close passes" of cyclists. if so, please provide a list of who was consulted and when.**

North Wales Police do not hold any specific information as this was not a 'policy decision'.

Operation Snap remains a crucial service as we work towards our main objective of making Welsh roads safer.

Guidance circulated recently from the NPCC outlined that Forensic analysis of speed or distance would need to be carried out by a level 3 trained forensic specialist under ISO 17025, who must be specifically competent in the Forensic Science Activities being undertaken:

[guidance-for-journeycam-units-on-the-forensic-science-regulator-codes-of-practice-v1.1.pdf](#)

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GoSafe personnel do not hold this specialist forensic accreditation, and are also aware that there is no specific offence of 'close pass'.

Operation Snap remains in service for witnesses of driving offences and will evaluate each incident on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration aggravating factors present.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/09/2025