



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 17/09/2025

2025/959 - Operation Snap

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I recently received a response from NW Police to a submission via Op Snap which stated:

Thank you for your submission to Operation Snap. A decision has been made to temporarily suspend taking action on evidence submitted to Operation Snap whereby pedal cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians feel that the subject vehicle has passed them too closely. This decision has been made following national guidance from the Forensic Science Regulator.

1. Please could NW Police provide the specific part of the National Guidance from the Forensic Science Regulator that is being relied upon for the above decision.

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](#)

2. Recently, in a response by Sgt Gerallt Williams of the Go Safe team to my MP Llinos Medi, Sgt Williams stated:

"Recently circulated guidance 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. Go Safe personnel do not hold this specialist forensic accreditation and are also aware that there is no specific offence of 'close pass'."

1. Please provide the specific guidance from the NPCC that is being referred to in the above paragraph.

The above link is relevant to this request.

2. what action (if any) is NW Police taking to acquire the specialist forensic accreditation referred to above?

3. if no action is being taken with regard to 2. above, has this been the subject of a specific decision within NW Police and if so, who has made this decision?

North Wales Police have the ISO accreditation, however Go safe and Operation snap do not require it.

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

**Yn gwneud Gogledd Cymru'r lle mwyaf diogel i fyw, gweithio ac ymweld yn y DU
Making North Wales the safest place to live, work and visit in the UK**

4. Does NW Police hold any form of risk log and if so, has the NW Police identified the absence of the level of forensic accreditation referred to above been identified?

No

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