



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 17/09/2025

2025/960 - Trevaline Evans

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Are you able to confirm whether Trevaline Evans was declared legally dead in 1997?

As this remains an unsolved missing person case/undetected crime, concerns have been raised in disclosing information into the public domain. North Wales Police can neither confirm nor deny whether information relevant to this request is held, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 30(3) Investigations

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption and consideration of the public interest must be given as to whether neither confirming nor denying the information exists is the appropriate response.

Harm

FOI requests are disclosures to the world (not just to the applicant making the request), if North Wales Police were to use exemptions against the information requested (rather rely on the use Section 30 (3)) this could provide the public with the exact information we are trying to protect.

To disclose (confirm or deny) if the information requested is held could hinder the investigation when it is reviewed or if and when new information comes to light.

The disclosure of information which is likely to undermine the Police service's ability to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime can only be considered as being harmful to the public.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring Confirming or Denying for Section 30

The disclosure of this information would adhere to the general principle of openness and transparency, by providing better awareness which may reduce crime or lead to more information from the public.
It would provide information as to what investigations are being carried out in relation to this case.

Factors against Confirming or Denying for Section 30

The information requested relates directly to an unsolved missing person case/undetected crime, which may be subject to further investigation and continual review in the future.
Confirming or denying that any information is held regarding your specific questions has the potential to undermine any criminal proceedings which could arise.

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Balance Test

The Police Service is tasked with enforcing the law and protecting the community we serve and there is a public interest argument in ensuring we are open and transparent.

However, the ability of North Wales Police to conduct enquiries is crucial to the principles of prevention and detection of crime. We are unable to disclose information which could potentially form part of proceedings down the line.

There is also a large amount of information in the public domain which has been carefully assessed for release to help aid the investigation. Anything additional to this is not suitable for disclosure as it could be detrimental to the case/ future investigations.

Therefore, in accordance with section 30 (3) of the FOIA 2000, I can neither confirm nor deny that this information is held by North Wales Police. This refusal should not be taken to mean that the information you have requested exists or does not exist.

Consequently, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) 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 16/09/2025