



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 30/09/2025

2025/985 - Interrogating electronic devices

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

FOI on threshold for interrogating electronic devices following reporting a digital crime

Clarification requested;

Please could you clarify/explain further the information you require.

Clarification received;

I am being told by the NW complaints team that when public member reports a digital crime, unless it meets a certain threshold, the case won't be investigated and passed on to digital crime unit.

So I would like to know details of the threshold please, a list of scenarios you hold on file/policy (which officers use when determining whether or not to pass the case to Digital crime) would be appreciated.

Regarding the threshold for submission of digital devices to the Digital Forensic Unit (DFU).

All submissions to the DFU must contain enough detail, ensuring that:

- There are reasonable grounds to believe evidence of a specific criminal offence is contained within a computer, computer related media or other digital devices.
- The submission must be intelligence-led, and compliant with Human Rights legislation. The DFU will not conduct speculative searches.
- Examinations will be conducted where there are reasonable grounds to believe significant intelligence concerned with a serious arrestable offence is contained within a computer related media or other digital device OR that the intelligence is sought to prevent significant risk or harm to any person, serious financial loss to any person, or matters regarding state security.
- All submissions should directly relate to the current Force Priorities.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/09/2025

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