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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 25/08/2026

2026/874 - cost relating to specific cases

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I require a detailed financial breakdown and audit of the total public sector expenditure and operational police hours consumed by North Wales Police in response to the 21 individual logs and unfounded allegations made by ... and ... against my identity from December 2024 to the present date, culminating in master crime file

To assess the material cost to the Welsh taxpayer regarding these concluded, unevidenced allegations, please provide the estimated costings and data fields across the following five specific operational categories:

- 1. Frontline Despatch & Telephony:** The total estimated call-handling hours and costings for 101 and 999 call-takers processing and inputting these 21 logs onto North Wales Police database networks.
- 2. Specialised Tactics and K9 Deployments:** The exact public funding and resource cost utilized to deploy frontline officers and specialized police sniffer dog units to my property bounds in response to the completely fabricated and malicious allegations of cannabis cultivation.
- 3. Covert Surveillance & Vehicular Tracking:** The total operational hours and team expenses consumed by North Wales Police personnel executing covert mobile surveillance, vehicle trailing, and tracking maneuvers against my person.
- 4. Operational Deployment & Fleet Costs:** The total number of physics-based deployments to the property bounds, including estimated officer hours on-site, travel time, and the standard fleet mileage/wear-and-tear costings for police vehicles traveling to and from the site.
- 5. Administrative, Database & Multi-Agency Expenses:** The total number of hours consumed by administrative personnel and specialized units (specifically including the Crime Data Integrity Unit based in St Asaph) inputting data and reviewing logs. This must include the police hours spent compiling prosecution files for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for court hearings where the CPS ultimately offered "no evidence."

All requests made under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are applicant blind, and a Freedom of Information (FOI) request must be treated as such as a public authority will always view any disclosure as into the public domain. This is because FOI requests are disclosures to the world (not just to the applicant making the request), and the data protection rights of an individual would be breached by disclosure.

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The provisions in Section 40 (1) to (4) of the Freedom of Information Act exempt personal data from disclosure and Section 1(1) (a) of the FOIA imposes a duty on a public authority to either confirm or deny if it holds information specified in a request.

However, in relation to a request which constitutes the personal data of individual(s), section 40(5)(b)(i), further excludes a public authority from complying with the duty imposed by section 1(1)(a) FOIA if complying with that duty would contravene any of the data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

Therefore, the first element that needs to be met before relying on section 40(5) (b) (i) is that the information requested should, if held, constitute the personal data of a third party (i.e. someone other than the person making the request).

Personal data is defined in the DPA as follows:

"...“Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c)) [and] “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to— (a)an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or (b)one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”

As 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 40 (5)(b)(i)) this would provide the public with information about a certain individual or individuals.

However as Section 40(5) (b) (i) specifically refers to giving confirmation or denial ‘to a member of the public’ it could be argued that giving confirmation or denial to the requestor would not necessarily contravene any Data Protection Principles. Nevertheless, even if we confirmed that we held the information, and then withheld it under another exemption of the Act (e.g. Section 40 (2)) the confirmation alone would disclose personal data of the Data subject/s.

The next element I have considered is whether confirming or denying if the information requested is held, would contravene any of the Data Protection principles.

The first Data Protection principle states: ‘that the processing of personal data for any of the law enforcement purposes must be lawful and fair.’ It is our belief that confirmation or denial that North Wales Police hold the information requested would be unfair to those who may/may not fall into the remit of the request, and therefore contravention of the first data protection principle.

This is because simply confirming whether or not North Wales Police holds the information requested would provide personal information, and to do so would not be fair. If North Wales Police confirmed or denied that we held data surrounding an individual/s this would amount to the disclosure of personal data because we would be telling the world something about that individual/s.

Lastly, in terms of the legitimate interests in disclosure, the information requested would be personal to any individual/s it may or may not concern. Therefore, confirmation as to whether or not any information is in fact held would not be of any benefit to the public.

Therefore, in accordance with section 40(5)(b)(i) 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.

This is also information that would not be held in anycase as we do not log timings or costings based off individual cases.

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 24/08/2026