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GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:18/09/2026

2026/916 - Incidents recorded with a 999 call source

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the period 1-31 August 2026, please provide:

The number of incidents recorded with a 999 call source where the incident location fell within:

Menai-Bangor neighbourhood policing area; and Menai-Caernarfon neighbourhood policing area.

Of these, the number graded for immediate/emergency response, the number attended and the median response time.

Please count unique incident records rather than repeat calls concerning the same incident and explain any relevant recording limitations.

Number graded as Emergency & Priority response			
LPA	Emergency Response (P0)	Priority Response (P1)	Grand Total
MENAI (BANGOR)	7	4	11
MENAI (CAERNARFON)	23	5	28
Grand Total	30	9	39

Attended			
LPA	Emergency Response (P0)	Priority Response (P1)	Grand Total
MENAI (BANGOR)	7	3	10
MENAI (CAERNARFON)	20	3	23
Grand Total	27	6	33
Median Response time			
LPA	Emergency Response (P0)	Priority Response (P1)	
MENAI (BANGOR)	00:08:52	00:14:34	
MENAI (CAERNARFON)	00:08:20	00:19:04	

The officer and PCSO establishment and actual FTE assigned to:

Menai-Bangor;

Menai-Caernarfon; and

the wider Gwynedd North response-policing area, as at 31 August 2026, broken down by role.

If actual officers per shift cannot be disclosed, please provide the average number of response-officer FTE hours rostered per 24-hour period during August 2026.

FTE	OFFICER	PCSO
GWYNEDD	140.20	33.91

Harm has been identified in providing you with information regarding the number of officers you currently have categorised into each area and number of officers rostered;

To provide any further breakdown/details could leave specific Officers vulnerable to being targeted. Furthermore, if criminals or terrorists were aware of police officers numbers/details for a particular area they could be more likely to commit crime in this area and officers will be more likely exposed to risk which would undermine our law enforcement.

Therefore, Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Law Enforcement is to be considered as part of the Public Interest Test. A Public Interest Test has been carried out to weigh up the reasons for and against disclosure of the information requested, to ensure the release is in the interest of the public as a whole and not just the applicant.

Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Considerations

North Wales Police are charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve.

Providing the number of officers we currently have, categorised into each station could leave them vulnerable to being targeted. Releasing such detailed information could also reveal perceived force capability as well as valuable knowledge concerning the vulnerability of individual force areas.

Section 31 factors in favour of disclosure

To disclose the requested data would demonstrate openness, honesty and transparency. The use of police resources is a matter that the force should hold up to public scrutiny as the police are accountable for public funds; therefore there is a public interest in justification of the spending of these funds.

Section 31 factors in favour of non-disclosure

The release of this information could compromise law enforcement which would hinder North Wales Police's ability to prevent and detect crimes. The threat of officers being targeted a result of any information being released is also something that cannot be ignored.

Additionally, to disclose the information requested would reveal tactical capability. If all forces disclosed this information it would enable an offender to geographically map which forces have more officers assigned to which areas and which forces have fewer. Such as awareness highlights those forces where this type of criminality has a lesser chance of being detected.

The Police Service has a duty to deliver effective law enforcement ensuring the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension or prosecution of offenders and administration of justice is carried out appropriately. By disclosing specific officer details and locations could provide a tactical advantage to offenders which would negatively impact on public safety and undermine the policing purpose.

Balance Test

Whilst North Wales Police is accountable for the spending of public money, we must protect any information that would negatively impact on any operation or reveal our tactical capabilities. If all the details requested were released it would allow specific officers to be identified and targeted by criminals.

When balancing the public interest test we have to consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is accountability which needs to be compared to the strongest negative reason, which in this case is effective law enforcement. Public Safety and effective law enforcement is of paramount importance and the Police Service will not divulge information if to do so would place the safety of an individual at risk or undermine the prevention or detection of crime thereby assisting those persons intent on committing crime.

Therefore, at this moment in time, it is our opinion that for these issues the balancing test for disclosure of the information regarding providing more detailed officer information is not made out.

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 17/09/2026