



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 24/02/2026

2026/194 - Charges against pest controllers (animal welfare)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following data covering the period 1st January 2007 until 31st December 2025:

- 1. The number of charges brought by your force under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 where the defendant's recorded occupation at the time of arrest/charge was "Pest Controller," "Pest Control Technician," or "Exterminator."**
- 2. A breakdown of the specific sections charged (e.g., Section 4 - Unnecessary Suffering; Section 7 - Administration of Poisons; Section 9 - Breach of Duty of Care).**
- 3. The type of animal involved (if recorded).**

If a manual search of all animal welfare cases exceeds the cost limit, please prioritize a search of the "Occupation" field in your custody system for the keywords mentioned above. If occupation data is not searchable, please provide the total number of charges under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 where "poison" or "trapping" was mentioned in the case summary.

North Wales Police do not hold any information in relation to your request as there was a 'nil' return.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/02/2026

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