



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2026/270 – Snapchat

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am requesting information for reporting purposes about recorded crimes in which the social media platform Snapchat was used in connection with offences involving violence or sexual harm.

Please provide the following for each calendar year from 2021 to 2026, including:

- 1. The number of recorded crimes in which Snapchat was identified as being used in connection with the offence, limited to offences involving:**
 - **Sexual offences (including sexual exploitation or grooming of a child), or**
 - **Physical violence against a person**

Calendar Year	Sexual Offences or Assault with/without Injury Offences + Snapchat references in Occ Summary
2021	38
2022	38
2023	45
2024	42
2025	46
2026	7

- 2. A breakdown of the types of offences involved (e.g. rape, sexual assault, child grooming, assault, etc.) for each year.**
- 3. For the same offences, the age and gender of victims.**

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Calendar Year	Assault with injury	Assault Without Injury	Causing Sexual Activity Without Consent	Exposure and Voyeurism	Incest or Familial Sexual Offences	Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	Sexual Assault On A Female Aged 13 And Over	Sexual Assault On A Male Aged 13 And Over	Sexual Grooming	Sum:
2021	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	21	0	0	8	38
2022	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	11	0	1	13	38
2023	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	11	2	4	10	45
2024	1	2	0	0	0	8	1	1	7	8	1	0	13	42
2025	4	6	0	1	0	4	0	0	5	11	2	0	13	46
2026	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	7

Victim Gender/Age		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Female	01. Under 10 Years	0	3	5	0	2	1
	02.10-17 Years	26	21	19	24	23	3
	03. 18-24 Years	0	0	1	1	2	0
	04. 25-34 Years	2	1	1	2	2	0
	05. 35-44 Years	0	0	1	0	0	1
	06. 45-54 Years	0	0	1	0	0	0
	09. No DOB Recorded	0	0	1	0	0	0
Female		28	25	29	27	29	5
Male	01. Under 10 Years	1	1	0	1	0	0
	02.10-17 Years	2	10	10	4	7	1
	03. 18-24 Years	0	1	0	0	0	0
	04. 25-34 Years	1	0	0	0	1	0
	09. No DOB Recorded	1	0	0	0	0	0
Male		5	12	10	5	8	1
No Gender Recorded	01. Under 10 Years	0	0	0	0	1	0
	02.10-17 Years	0	0	0	1	2	0
	09. No DOB Recorded	0	0	1	0	0	0
No Gender Recorded				1	1	3	

No Victim ID or Bus/Org Victim Type	09. No DOB Recorded	3	1	5	4	2	0
	10. No Victim ID or Bus/Org Victim Type	2	0	0	4	4	1
No Victim ID or Bus/Org Victim Type		5	1	5	8	6	1
Unknown	09. No DOB Recorded	0	0	0	1	0	0
Unknown					1		
	Total	38	38	45	42	46	7

4. Where recorded, the number of offences in which Snapchat location-sharing or geolocation features (for example Snap Map or live location sharing) were used by a suspect to identify, contact, or target the victim.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing over 1200 records on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) 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 12/03/2026