



Response Date:20/03/2026

2026/278 – Fingerprints

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

It has come to our attention that you have been routinely fingerprinting school children as part of an initiative with schools, yet without parental consent. These fingerprints, it has been alleged, have been recorded in a permanent form.

Most recently such a programme was conducted by Llangefni Police Station.

Can you please provide documents you hold on this initiative, including policy documents, minutes, etc.

Please also confirm how you met your obligations under the Protection of Freedom Act 2012 to obtain parental or guardian consent to operate this initiative.

Our Schools Police Officers deliver an input in primary schools called 'People who help us', this is delivered to year 1 and 2 and at times schools ask for it to be delivered to younger children as well. This input is about the emergency services who can help us. Some School police officers give the children the option of trying on 'dress up' emergency service' jackets/hats that have been donated.

Some School Police officers also have key rings and inserts for children to put a fingerprint on and take home with them. This is of course optional and their fingerprint is not recorded anywhere. It's a give away memento for the children to have.

Some Neighbourhood policing teams have key rings and inserts to do the same for children during engagement events, but as above no fingerprints are retained and they are only used in the keyrings as memento of the participant to keep themselves.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/03/2026

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