



Response Date: 07/04/2026

2026/297 - Cost of evidential drink driving testing

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. Could you please share the annual cost of evidential drink driving testing to the North Wales Police budget from (a) breath tests (b) blood tests, (c) urine tests, and (d) all test types, as a monetary value and as a percentage of the police budget in the last year for which data is available.**
- 2. Could you please share the average individual cost of evidential drink driving testing in North Wales for (a) breath tests, (b) blood tests and (c) urine tests in the last year for which data is available.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. We have focussed on the evidential forensic analysis costs. As detailed below consumables are purchased as part of a wider contract for many uses so trying to isolate these would be a significant piece of work. 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.

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.

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	24/25 Spend	% of Force Revenue Budget	Comments
(a) Breath tests	£8,397	0.004%	cost of annual maintenance of devices only, calculating consumables and officer / staff time would be significant and not asked for specifically
(b) Blood Tests	£17,700	0.009%	Cost of forensic analysis of sample. No consumables or officer / staff time included as above
(C) Urine Tests	£1,200	0.0006%	Cost of forensic analysis of sample.
(d) All Tests	£27,297	0.014%	Total of A-C

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
 UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/03/2026