



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 27/03/2026

2026/359 - Number of Registered Sex Offenders Missing

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am seeking updated figures relating to registered sex offenders, following data previously obtained by BBC news via FOI requests that were reported on in March 2023 (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64624921>).

**I would like to request the most recent available data between 2021 to present on:
The number of registered sex offenders recorded as:**

- **Missing, or**
- **Wanted for arrest**

Year	Number of RSO recorded as missing / wanted
2021 (01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021)	2
2022 (01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022)	3
2023 (01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023)	10
2024 (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024)	14
2025 (01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025)	8
2026 (01/01/2026 – 25/03/2026)	0

Please note:

We are reliant on the information having been inputted onto ViSOR when an RSO has been classed as wanted. This is a manual process, if this has not been done, then it won't be counted.

Also, if records have been transferred out of Force area then they will also not have been counted.

- All the figures are in relation to those RSO's who were recorded as Wanted on PNC during the specific year. If the RSO was still showing as Wanted on PNC in the following year as they hadn't been located, then they have not been included twice. I've only counted them in the year that they were first recorded as wanted.
- It is not necessary that any of the above are still currently classed as wanted as they have since been located.

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The number of registered sex offenders who have:

• Notified police of a name change or alias

Year	Number of RSO who have registered a new name or alias
2021 (01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021)	27
2022 (01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022)	30
2023 (01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023)	35
2024 (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024)	29
2025 (01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025)	26
2026 (01/01/2026 – 25/03/2026)	12

The number of offences relating to:

• Breaches of notification requirements

If possible, please provide:

Annual figures broken down by year

Data in the same format/categories as previously supplied in response to FOI requests used in the BBC report

• Year	Number of breaches of notification requirements
2021 (01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021)	34
2022 (01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022)	57
2023 (01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023)	61
2024 (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024)	70
2025 (01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025)	59
2026 (01/01/2026 – 25/03/2026)	20

Only those breaches that have resulted in a conviction in court or a caution being issued have been included in the above data.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 25/03/2026