



Response Date:15/04/2026

2026/369 - Clare's law

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

I would like to request the following information in relation to the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (commonly known as Clare's Law):

1. Applications received

Please provide the total number of Clare's Law applications received in the following calendar years:

2023

2024

2025

2025 data - 1061 DVDS applications received

Please see attached previous response 415/25 for data for previous years

2. Outcomes of applications

For each of the above years, please provide:

- a) The number of applications that resulted in a disclosure being made**
- b) The number of applications that did not result in a disclosure**

If available, please also include the number of applications withdrawn or not progressed.

2025 Data - 367 disclosures made, 694 no disclosure made

Please see attached previous response 415/25 for data for previous years

3. Nature of offences disclosed

For the most recent ten cases in 2025 where a disclosure was made, please provide:

- a) The primary offence disclosed in each case**

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b) Please ensure all responses are fully anonymised and redacted to avoid identifying individuals. A brief description of the offence type (for example, "assault occasioning actual bodily harm", "coercive and controlling behaviour") is sufficient.

10 dvds disclosures primary offences, 6 x Battery, 2 x Threats to kill, 1 Wounding/GBH, 1 Common Assault

4. Repeat offenders

a) Please provide the number of disclosures (for each year listed above, if available) where the subject of the disclosure had:

More than one recorded domestic abuse-related offence or incident

If your systems do not allow this exact breakdown, please provide the closest available equivalent measure and explain any limitations.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. The research for the DVDS will include individual checks on both force and national systems for domestic incidents/crimes in North Wales Police and other force areas. We are unable to conduct bulk searches. The only way to accurately capture this would be to manually review each disclosure form. 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 13/04/2026



Response Date:06/05/2025

2025/415 - Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law).

Please provide the following data from 2014 up until the most current date available, broken down by calendar year.

If data as early as 2014 is not available, please provide it from the first available date onwards.

In the event that you decide answering me in full would exceed the cost limit, please answer what you can, prioritising my requests in the order I have asked them. Please provide annual totals of:

- 1. All applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**
- 2. "Right to know" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**
- 3. The number of disclosures made after a "right to know" application**
- 4. "Right to ask" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**
- 5. The number of disclosures made after a right to ask application**
- 6. The number of disclosures made within 28 days of a "Right to ask" application**

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7. The number of disclosures made after 28 days of a "Right to ask" application

8. The longest time it took for a "right to ask" disclosure to be provided

	Total number of applications	RTK applications	Number of RTK disclosures made	RTA Applications	RTA Disclosures made	RTA disclosures within 28 days	RTA disclosures 28days +	RTA longest time for disclosure
2018	140	40		100				
2019	183	73		110				
2020	184	61		123				
2021	266	50		216				
2022	335	61	15	247	66	25	22	70
2023	476	128	78	348	78	19	59	211
2024	710	228	101	482	147	64	83	202
2025*	237	63	28	174	47	36	11	52

Data has not been obtained for all RTK/ RTA disclosures, as this information is not held/ available for disclosure timescales

*January - March 2025

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