



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:04/06/2026

2026/449 - Com networks

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the avoidance of doubt, we are defining com networks as online communities, of predominantly young men, which operate across social media, messaging platforms, and gaming platforms, to circulate harmful content, promote misogynistic ideologies, and groom vulnerable victims into abuse or violent behaviour, motivated by status, power, control or sexual gratification.

- 1. In the last 5 years, how many reports relating to com networks has your force received?** Two, within the past 12 months.
- 2. For each year, how many arrests have been made relating to com networks? Please state the age of the arrested.** Two, circumstances loosely linked to COM networks and not directly related – 18 and 13 years.
- 3. For each year, how many charges have there been in relation to com networks? Please state the age of the charged.** One charged, 18 years. NOT directly related to COM networks, but the offence is likely to have been influenced by COM.
- 4. For each case, can you state if victim is in UK or overseas.** UK and US.
- 5. When charges have been brought, what is age of youngest victim?** 18 years.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 01/06/2026

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