



Response Date:15/05/2026

2026/470 - Amnesty bins

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1.The number of weapons recovered from amnesty bins in *area*

- We have Police Station Amnesty bins which are in place throughout the year.

We do not have a specific record of how long they have been in place, in each station. The bins we currently have are in police station which have a front counter.

We count the weapons in these bins after the weeks of Sceptre which runs twice yearly (May and Nov).

For the November 25 Sceptre campaign the number of weapons counted was 711.

-We also have introduced bins in some council recycling centres across the force. These bins are in place throughout the year and emptied when required by police to Force HQ Seized property who dispose of them. However, these are not counted now as the National Sceptre lead does not require these figures.

2. The number of amnesty bins operated by *police force*.

-We have six stations with amnesty bins - Rhyl, Llandudno, Prestatyn, Bangor, Llangefni, Holyhead, Wrexham, Mold, Deeside.

-Recycling centre amnesty bins managed by police- Mochdre, Abergele, Rhyl, Bangor, Caernarfon, Harlech, Wrexham, Brymbo, Plas Madoc, Denbigh, Ruthin, Dolgellau, Gwalchmai, Menai Bridge, Holywell.

3.The dates when each bin was installed (and removed, if applicable).

-Station bins- unknown, they have been in place for many years

-Recycling centre bins- have been in place since approx. 2024

4. The general location of each bin (e.g. ward, borough, or postcode sector - precise addresses are not required if sensitive).

Police stations-

Central area-Rhyl, Llandudno, Prestatyn.

Western area- Bangor, Llangefni, Holyhead.

Eastern area-Wrexham, Mold, Deeside.

Recycling centre bins-

Central area-Mochdre LL28 4YL, Abergele LL22 9SE, Rhyl LL182AT, Denbigh LL18 2AT, Ruthin LL15 1LY.

Western area- Bangor LL57 4YH, Caernarfon LL55 2DB, Harlech LL46 2UW, Dolgellau LL40 2YF, Gwalchmai LL65 4PW, Menai Bridge LL59 5RY.

Eastern area-Wrexham LL13 9UT, Brymbo LL11 5NR, Plas Madoc LL14 3ES, Holywell CH8 7GJ(At these sites we use the sites receptacles with our Sceptre posters/literature on).

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