



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:09/07/2026

2026/524 - Cannabis cultivation and brothel keeping

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025:

The number of recorded offences, investigations, or incidents relating to:

a) cannabis cultivation, cannabis production, cannabis farms, or cannabis factories.

b) keeping or managing a brothel (Home Office offence code 024/19).

Where possible, please state whether the premises relating to the offences/investigations/incidents were classified as residential or commercial; the property type (e.g. private dwelling, flat, HMO, social housing, industrial unit, retail premises, hotel, short-term let); whether the premises were owner-occupied, privately rented, socially rented, or of unknown tenure.

I am not requesting addresses, names, full postcodes, or any information capable of identifying individuals.

E.g. "In 2022, there were 100 investigations relating to cannabis cultivation. Of those, 40 related to privately-rented properties."

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Keeping a brothel used for prostitution	Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	1
Keeping a brothel used for prostitution		0	0	0	0	0	1
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Commercial	3	5	2	1	0	7
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Dwelling	30	34	22	16	21	24
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Financial	0	0	2	1	2	0

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Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Public building	0	0	0	1	1	0
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Public/open place	0	1	1	3	1	0
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Shop	0	0	2	0	2	0
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant		21	24	20	33	22	18

North Wales Police can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold any further information in relation to your request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

- Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest. Confirming or denying the existence of whether any information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) 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 09/07/2026