



**HEDDLU  
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NORTH WALES  
POLICE**

Response Date:07/07/2026

**2026/557 - Stolen vehicle examiners**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**1. On 1 April in the following years, how many stolen vehicle examiners were employed by the force either as police officers or civilian staff?**

- i) 2016
- ii) 2022
- iii) 2023
- iv) 2024
- v) 2025
- vi) 2026

**2. On 1 April in the following years, how many stolen vehicle examiners employed by your force either as police officer or civilian staff were recognised as "Qualified Stolen Vehicle Examiners" by the National Association of Stolen Vehicle Examiners (NASVE)?**

- i) 2022
- ii) 2023
- iii) 2024
- iv) 2025
- v) 2026

**3. On 26 May 2026 (or the nearest available date for which data is available), what was the average caseload of a "qualified stolen vehicle examiner" (as outlined in question 2) in your force?**

North Wales Police do not have any dedicated 'stolen vehicle examiners'.

Therefore, we hold no information in relation to questions 1,2 and 3.

**4. On 26 May 2026 (or the nearest available date for which data is available), how many 'theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle' cases remained open.**

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| Count Q4 |
| 127      |

**5. Please provide any current Standard Operating Procedure/policy/checklist/decision tree/other internal guidance document that governs:**

- i) investigation of the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle
- ii) how investigators must handle CCTV/video enquiries in those investigations, including what to do when CCTV is not available

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**iii) what material/information must be assembled before seeking a charging decision for the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle**

North Wales Police do not have any specific information in relation to this part of your request.

**6. For cases relating to the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle in the financial year 2025/26 in which an individual was charged, what was the average time, in days, between the reporting of the alleged crime and the individual(s) being charged**

**7. For cases relating to the theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle in the financial year 2025/26 in which the investigation was completed with no suspect identified, what was the average time, in days, between the reporting of the alleged crime and the investigation being closed?**

| OUTCOME TYPE | MEDIAN DAYS |
|--------------|-------------|
| CHARGE       | 127.5       |
| NO SUSPECT   | 34.5        |

Please note: that median investigation timelines are based on occurrences opened within the requested period which have since been closed, rather than all occurrences closed within the period.

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