



Response Date: 23/06/2026

2026/623 - THC Detection Data

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. The total number of roadside oral fluid drug screening tests conducted by North Wales Police.

The number of roadside drugs wipes conducted is not recorded.

2. The number of those tests that returned a positive indication for THC (cannabis).

23/24 – 584 arrests

24/25 – 755 arrests

25/26 – 747 arrests

3. The make, model, and manufacturer of the roadside oral fluid drug screening device(s) currently in use by North Wales Police, and the THC detection threshold (cutoff level in ng/mL) for each device.

The device is a Securetec DrugWipe 3S. The manufacturer will know the THC Detection – we do not hold this information.

4. The number of THC-positive roadside screening results that were subsequently confirmed by laboratory analysis (evidential testing), and the number that were not confirmed.

23/24 – 360 cannabis above legal limit, 86 cannabis below legal limit, 138 no trace of cannabis, failed to provide in custody, or nurse was unable to obtain blood.

24/25 – 426 cannabis above legal limit, 119 cannabis below legal limit, 210 no trace of cannabis, failed to provide in custody, or nurse was unable to obtain blood.

25/26 – Toxicology results not currently available.

5. The number of THC-positive cases that resulted in: (a) charge or summons, (b) no further action (NFA), or (c) any other disposal.

23/24 – 356 charge or summons, 75 NFA, 15 other disposals

24/25 – 397 charge or summons, 106 NFA, 9 other disposals

25/26 – Disposal information not currently available

- 6. Whether North Wales Police has received any complaints, representations, or correspondence from individuals who attributed a positive THC result to: (a) the use of legal, over-the-counter CBD products, or (b) passive exposure to cannabis smoke. If so, please provide the number of such complaints or representations received in each year.**

2023 – 0 complaints.

2024 – 0 complaints.

2025 – 0 complaints.

2026 – 0 complaints.

- 7. Whether North Wales Police has any written guidance, policy, or standard operating procedure that addresses: (a) the possibility of legal CBD products causing a positive THC indication on roadside screening devices, or (b) the interpretation of low-level positive THC results in the context of passive smoke exposure. If such guidance exists, please provide a copy.**

No information held.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 22/06/2026