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POLICE

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2026/720 - Recorded Sexual Offences

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Question 1 – Recording of Victim Characteristics

Please confirm whether, for offences recorded under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 during 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, your force records the victim as having any of the following as searchable electronic fields, vulnerability markers, disability markers, electronic flags or other searchable identifiers: learning disability; autism; mental health condition; or another vulnerability marker indicating cognitive impairment or mental impairment. For each category, please indicate whether it is recorded as a searchable electronic field, vulnerability marker, disability marker, electronic flag, other searchable identifier (please specify), or is not recorded in a searchable electronic format.

Question 2 – Recorded Sexual Offences

Where an existing electronic search, report or query can identify offences falling within Question 1 without the manual examination of individual case records, please provide annual figures (2021–2025) broken down, where available, by Home Office offence code and offence description. If your force already produces management information or performance reports containing these data, those reports may be supplied in satisfaction of this part of the request.

Sexual Offences 2021-2025 where victim flag = "Learning Disabilities" or warning marker type = mental health or warning remarks matches pattern learning disability/difficulty, autism/autistic, cognitive impairment or mental impairment.

Offence Category Code	Offence Category Desc	Count
17A	Sexual Assault On A Male Aged 13 And Over	234
17B	Sexual Assault On A Male Child Under 13	118
19C	Rape Of A Female Aged 16 And Over	1249
19D	Rape Of A Female Child Under 16	201
19E	Rape Of A Female Child Under 13	101
19F	Rape Of A Male Aged 16 And Over	121
19G	Rape Of A Male Child Under 16	29
19H	Rape Of A Male Child Under 13	69
19J	Rape of a female - multiple undefined offenders	46

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19K	Rape of a male - multiple undefined offenders	17
20A	Sexual Assault On A Female Aged 13 And Over	1146
20B	Sexual Assault On A Female Child Under 13	172
21	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13	121
22A	Causing Sexual Activity Without Consent	56
22B	Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16	334
23	Incest or Familial Sexual Offences	12
70	Sexual Activity etc With A Person With A Mental Disorder	5
71	Abuse of Children through Sexual Exploitation	6
73	Abuse of Position of Trust of a Sexual Nature	1
88A	Sexual Grooming	82
88C	Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences	82
88E	Exposure and Voyeurism	146
	Total	4348

Question 3 – Final Recorded Outcomes

Where held electronically, please provide the final recorded Home Office Outcome Code (or local equivalent where Home Office Outcome Codes are not used) for the offences identified in Question 2.

Outcome	Count
01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	18
01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	151
02A. Alternate offence Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	1
02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	1
03. Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	3
05. Offender Has Died	1
08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	10
09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	4
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	31
11. Named Suspect Below Age of Criminal Responsibility	16
12. Named Suspect Too Ill To Prosecute	31
13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill	20
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	636
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	119

15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	884
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	1489
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	454
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	212
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	40
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken and there is no public interest to continue	5
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	222

Question 4 – Victim Support Measures

Where held electronically, please provide the number of cases identified in Question 2 in which an Appropriate Adult, Registered Intermediary or any other communication support measure was recorded as a searchable electronic field, marker, flag or other searchable identifier.

Occurrences where Victim Contact Module additional notes matches "AA" OR "appropriate adult":

Year	Number
2022	1
2023	1
2024	1
2025	1

Occurrences where Victim Warning remarks matches "AA" OR "appropriate adult":

Year	Number
2021	3
2022	2
2023	2
2024	11
2025	2

Question 5 – Policies, Guidance and Training

Please provide copies of any current policy, current operational guidance, training or other guidance documents relating to recording learning disabilities, autism or mental health conditions for victims of sexual offences; investigating such offences; reasonable adjustments; communication support; safeguarding; and specialist victim support.

North Wales Police do not hold any formal 'current policy, current operational guidance, training or other guidance documents'.

However, we can supply the below:

Communication – If a victim discloses a learning difficulty, autism or other mental health condition; or if the investigating officer identifies a victim may need assistance in communicating, we would always request a Registered Intermediary (RI) be allocated before conducting any video interviews. The RI will compile a report to advise police and others how best to manage any future communication, as well as being present during any interviews should they feel it necessary. They would also advise the court system how they are to be dealt with at court, in respect of the types

of questions to be put to them and words or other topics which they would not be able to comprehend.

Section 28 – This refers to the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 which enables the recording of cross-examination of vulnerable victims (or witnesses) prior to the trial, subject to judicial discretion. In order to qualify for section 28, the victim/witness must also qualify for Special Measures.

Special Measures – These are measures which can be applied for by several categories of witness, including victims of a sexual offence. These are not guaranteed and remain a matter for the court to approve, but can include the use of screens, evidence given in private, removal of wigs and gowns, ABE VRI, ISVA to accompany them to court, use of other communication aids, such as BSL interpreters, live or remote links to court, S.28 (as mentioned above).

Training - All officers at PIP1 and again at PIP 2 are provided with the theory in regards to special measures during their interview training weeks.

Specialist Child Abuse Investigators Development Programme (SCAIDP)

Officers are provided with an input specifically around additional learning needs, have an input from a registered intermediary in regards to their role. We talk in depth about needs assessments, the recording of them and they have an input on trauma. The support that can be given in regards children's ISVA and pre-trial therapy. Considerations in regards to VRI and ABE and the child's voice.

Adults at Risk - Various inputs around vulnerability such as dementia awareness, learning disability and vulnerability in general including mental capacity. An input on role IMCA.

Specialist Sexual Abuse Investigators Development Programme (SSAIDP)

This is very much focused on investigations being victim centred and the needs assessment. They have an input specifically on victim codes of practice including their enhanced rights. We cover diversity considerations including neuro diversity, older people, disability and LGBTQ+. They get a number of sessions on trauma informed practice, including further guidance in regards ABE VRI's, services available to victims such as ISVA etc. Pre court considerations including where no charge is brought and victim next steps.

Question 6 – Internal Reviews

Please state whether your force undertook any internal audit, quality assurance exercise, internal review or inspection (whether undertaken internally or commissioned externally) between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2025 relating to the recording of these characteristics or the investigation of such offences. Where held electronically and not exempt, please provide copies.

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

There are no internal reviews associated with crime recording for this.

Question 7 – Recording System Policies, Reviews and Plans

Please provide copies of any recorded policy, audit, review, strategy, programme documentation, project documentation, business case or implementation plan held between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2025 relating to improving the recording or electronic searchability of learning disability, autism or mental health conditions within crime recording or case management systems, where held and not exempt.

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

All our audits are based around crime data integrity and not specific to these markers.

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