



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:30/07/2026

2026/723 - Malicious Communications

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For all arrests recorded under Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2025 (inclusive), please provide a breakdown of those arrests by the recorded communication method or medium used in the alleged offence.

For example, where recorded, this might include categories such as:

Social media post

Social media message

Email

Text message (SMS)

Instant messaging application

Telephone call

Letter

Parcel

Other physical article

Any other equivalent categories recorded on your system

Please use the categories exactly as they are recorded in your crime recording or custody system. I am not requesting that records be manually reviewed or reclassified into new categories.

If your systems do not contain a searchable field recording the communication method, or if no such information is held, please confirm this.

No fields in custody records to record the categories as requested.

Please find below Arrests 2017-2025 under S1 Mal Comms Act offence codes:

Arrest Date	HO Code	Reason Desc	Cyber-dependant	Cyber Enabled	Local Qual
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	;Publicity not authorised;
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	

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2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	Y	N	;Cyber-dependant;
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	Y	N	;Cyber-dependant;
2017	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-dependant;Cyber-enabled;
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	;Violent (non-NSIR);
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message	N	N	

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2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2018	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2019	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2019	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2019	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	

2019	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	Y	N	;Cyber-dependant;
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2020	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	

2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2021	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	N	N	

2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	;Violent (non-NSIR);
2022	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2022	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2022	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2022	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	;CSA;
2023	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message (recordable)	N	Y	;ASB - Youth;Cyber-enabled;
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2023	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	;Violent (non-NSIR);
2024	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying a threatening message	N	N	

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2024	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying false information (recordable)	N	N	
2024	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2024	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	;ASB - Alcohol related;
2024	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	;Violent (non-NSIR);
2024	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	
2024	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Violent (non-NSIR);
2024	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Cyber-dependant;
2024	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	;ASB - Alcohol related;
2024	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Cyber-dependant;
2024	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2025	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2025	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Cyber-dependant;
2025	008/72	Send letter / communication / article conveying indecent / offensive message (recordable)	N	N	
2025	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Cyber-dependant;
2025	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Cyber-dependant;
2025	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	Y	Y	;Cyber-enabled;Cyber-dependant;
2025	008/72	Send communication / article of an indecent / offensive nature (recordable)	N	N	

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