



Response Date:09/09/2026

2026/855 - Officer by station

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request the number of officers you currently have categorised into each station (force wide), such as 12 Response officers in Llangefni. I only request this information for response officers, NPT and PCSO's, Roads Policing Unit officers, Firearms Officers and Dog Handlers.

Only If this information is not available by a station basis I would like this information in a 'District' overview, such as 32 Response Officers in Angelsey LPU etc.

Harm has been identified in providing you with information regarding the number of officers you currently have categorised into each station;

To provide any further breakdown/details could leave specific Officers vulnerable to being targeted. Furthermore, if criminals or terrorists were aware of police officers numbers/details for a particular area they could be more likely to commit crime in this area and will officers be more likely exposed to risk which would undermine our law enforcement.

Therefore, Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Law Enforcement is to be considered as part of the Public Interest Test. A Public Interest Test has been carried out to weigh up the reasons for and against disclosure of the information requested, to ensure the release is in the interest of the public as a whole and not just the applicant.

Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Considerations

North Wales Police are charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve.

Providing the number of officers we currently have, categorised into each station could leave them vulnerable to being targeted. Releasing such detailed information could also reveal perceived force capability as well as valuable knowledge concerning the vulnerability of individual force areas.

Section 31 factors in favour of disclosure

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To disclose the requested data would demonstrate openness, honesty and transparency. The use of police resources is a matter that the force should hold up to public scrutiny as the police are accountable for public funds; therefore there is a public interest in justification of the spending of these funds.

Section 31 factors in favour of non-disclosure

The release of this information could compromise law enforcement which would hinder North Wales Police's ability to prevent and detect crimes. The threat of officers being targeted as a result of any information being released is also something that cannot be ignored.

Additionally, to disclose the information requested would reveal tactical capability. If all forces disclosed this information it would enable an offender to geographically map which forces have more officers assigned to which areas and which forces have fewer. Such an awareness highlights those forces where this type of criminality has a lesser chance of being detected.

The Police Service has a duty to deliver effective law enforcement ensuring the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension or prosecution of offenders and administration of justice is carried out appropriately. By disclosing specific officer details and locations could provide a tactical advantage to offenders which would negatively impact on public safety and undermine the policing purpose.

Balance Test

Whilst North Wales Police is accountable for the spending of public money, we must protect any information that would negatively impact on any operation or reveal our tactical capabilities. If all the details requested were released it would allow specific officers to be identified and targeted by criminals.

When balancing the public interest test we have to consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is accountability which needs to be compared to the strongest negative reason, which in this case is effective law enforcement. Public Safety and effective law enforcement is of paramount importance and the Police Service will not divulge information if to do so would place the safety of an individual at risk or undermine the prevention or detection of crime thereby assisting those persons intent on committing crime.

Therefore, at this moment in time, it is our opinion that for these issues the balancing test for disclosure of the information regarding providing more detailed officer information is not made out.

Consequently, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

Response officers, NPT and PCSO's, Roads Policing Unit officers, Firearms Officers and Dog Handlers				
Business Area Desc..	Area	OFFICER	PCSO	Grand Total
Senior Officers (Sgt & Insp)	CENTRAL	13		13
	EASTERN	13		13
	WESTERN	9		9
LPS NPT	CENTRAL	31		31
	EASTERN	43		43
	WESTERN	27		27
LPS PATROL	CENTRAL	202		202
	EASTERN	207		207
	WESTERN	192		192
LPS PCSO	CENTRAL		52	52
	EASTERN		61	61
	WESTERN		49	49
OSS ALLIANCE ARMED POLICING	N/A	81		81
OSS DOGS	N/A	12		12
OSS ROADS CRIME UNIT	N/A	59		59
Grand Total		889	162	1051

Please also find below a link which may be of interest to you:

[Police workforce, England and Wales: 31 March 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

Details about neighbourhood policing teams can also be found at the North Wales police website by searching for your area:

[Your area | North Wales Police](#)

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

08/09/2026