



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 11/09/2026

2026/894 - Stem cell treatment

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For each of the last five calendar years, plus the current year to date (i.e. from January 1, 2021, to August 31, 2026), please provide information about any reports, incidents, crimes or investigations involving stem cell treatments, stem cell therapies, stem cell injections, stem cell infusions or stem cell transplants being promoted, sold, administered or sought as a treatment or cure for autism or ADHD.

To locate relevant records, please search crime reports, incident logs and any available Modus Operandi, summary or free-text fields for combinations of the following terms: "autism", "autistic" or "ADHD"; and "stem cell" or "stem cells".

For each case, please tell me:

- The year the matter was recorded**
- The offence classification or incident type under which it was recorded**
- A brief summary of the allegation, e.g. summarising whether the case involved a child being taken abroad for stem cell treatment (eg by a parent); stem cell treatment being offered or administered within the UK (eg by a doctor or lay person); or another stem-cell-related autism or ADHD treatment scenario.**
- The investigation outcome, including whether there was: an arrest; a charge or summons; no further action; or another outcome (please specify where possible).**

In addition, for each case recorded, please provide an anonymised copy of the crime report.

If this is too onerous, please focus on the cases where the investigation resulted in an arrest or charge.

Reported Date	HO Code	HO Description	Superseded	HO return	Outcome	Summary
April 2025	0000A	non crime occurrence	0	0	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	...informed them that they are taking... for stem cell Autism treatment in Vienna. ...understanding is that the treatment is unlicensed in the UK, poses a significant risk and there is no evidence that the treatment is effective for Autism.

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The summary has been redacted and any further details are exempt from disclosure under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information you have requested constitutes personal data of which you are not the subject and disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under the Data protection Act 2018 would contravene the data protection principles.

Section 40 is a class based exemption, therefore it is not necessary to evidence harm caused by disclosure.

The data protection rights of a third party would be breached by disclosure, therefore section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and a Public Interest Test is not necessary. This is so because personal data is governed by another law (The Data Protection Act 2018) and there are two elements to this exemption.

All requests made under FOIA are applicant blind. A request must be treated as such and a public authority will always view any disclosure as into the public domain. Thus North Wales Police must be satisfied that any release of information will be potentially available to the general public. It is therefore on this basis that the following is relevant.

The first element of this exemption is engaged if the information requested constitutes personal data and is made by the data subject. The information will be covered by section 40(1) and the request will be dealt with under the Data Protection Act, rights of access.

The second element of this exemption is engaged if the personal data is about someone other than the applicant. Where someone makes an application for information other than the data subject, disclosure of that information will often constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act covered by section 40(2).

Personal data is regulated under the principles of the Data Protection Act and when information contains personal data about a third party it can only be refused if disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles.

As previously highlighted, any disclosure under the FOIA is a public disclosure and release of the identity of an individual would breach principles 1 & 2 of the Data protection Act 2018.

These principles require that: 1) the processing of personal data for any of the law enforcement purposes must be lawful and fair and 2) the law enforcement purpose for which personal data is collected on any occasion must be specified, explicit and legitimate.

'Data subjects' are provided with certain legal enforceable rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The fact that the information is held for lawful policing purposes, disclosing it onwards would breach the principles, and would be incompatible with the data subject's right that their data is held securely. By disclosing this information, the force could be subject to enforcement proceedings under the act if it breaches any of those principles.

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

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 04/09/2026