



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 11/09/2026

2026/932 - RECSX4839 assurance records

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following recorded information concerning HMICFRS Recommendation 2, reference RECSX4839:

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets-hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk%2Fuploads%2Finspection-police-law-enforcement-response-group-based-child-sexual-exploitation-2.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CFreedomofInformationTeam%40northwales.police.uk%7C85443579206441613bc608df0db92cff%7C4e86b176a10e43bd8d27927f44d0e665%7C0%7C1%7C639244761158337090%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMtIsIkFOIjoitWFpbCIiIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=B5%2FJ1To3%2BW4fvd4IZ9mAreWpdqsFy2TltVVXasyeryo%3D&reserved=0>

Please provide:

1. The Chief Constable/senior-officer assurance letter dated 15/10/2024 submitted to HMICFRS in connection with RECSX4839.

We are unable to locate 'RECSX4839' on the portal. However, we can find recommendation 2 of the report. (the reference on HMICFRS' platform is RM29852).

I have attached the letter titled 'HMIC_Rec_-_Group_Based_CSE[1]' which was uploaded onto the HMICFRS monitoring portal. It is dated 15/10/2024.

2. The immediate submission record by which that assurance was supplied to HMICFRS, whether by email, portal submission or another method, including the recorded date/time of submission and the names of any files submitted with it.

The letter was uploaded onto the HMICFRS Monitoring Portal, which is the normal process for self-certification letters such as this. The search ID reference on the portal is RecU-123031, and the portal shows that this was uploaded on 08/11/2024 at 9:50am.

3. Any completed RECSX4839 self-certification form, checklist, assurance return or cover sheet forming part of that same submission.

There were no other sheets or documents which were uploaded to the HMICFRS monitoring portal for that recommendation.

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

Yn gwneud Gogledd Cymru'r lle mwyaf diogel i fyw, gweithio ac ymweld yn y DU
Making North Wales the safest place to live, work and visit in the UK

4. For any CSE problem profile identified in or submitted with that certification, only its filename/title, document date and version/reference insofar as those details are recorded in the material covered by items 1–3. I do not seek the contents of the problem profile.

The CSE problem profile itself has not been uploaded onto the HMICFRS monitoring portal, but a problem profile is referenced in the letter. The Title is: 'NWP CSE Profile 2024', Version:1, Date 15/04/2024.

5. The first HMICFRS response to that submission contained in the same correspondence thread or portal record, together with any HMICFRS notification in that same thread or record recording acceptance or closure of RECSX4839.

There is no HMICFRS response or correspondence on the HMICFRS monitoring portal against this recommendation. But the record has been marked as 'Complete (Self-Certified)'.

For clarity, I do not seek:

- * the contents of any CSE problem profile;**
- * underlying CSE intelligence or operational records;**
- * case, victim or suspect information;**
- * a search of wider email accounts or correspondence;**
- * internal discussions unrelated to the immediate submission; or**
- * documents merely referred to in the material above unless specifically requested.**

If any item is not held, please process the remaining items independently and confirm the non-holding position for that item.

Where exempt information occurs within an otherwise disclosable record, please redact that information and disclose the remainder.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 10/09/2026



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Date: 15.10.24

**Amanda Blakeman
Prif Gwnstabl / Chief Constable**

Dear HMI ...

Re: Submission for Closure of Recommendations – An inspection of the effectiveness of the police and law enforcement bodies' response to group-based child sexual exploitation in England and Wales

I write to you in my capacity as Chief Constable for North Wales Police to inform you that two recommendations from the above report have been deemed as fit for closure, the details of which are contained within this letter for your perusal.

- **Recommendation (29852): By 31 December 2024, all Chief Constables should make sure that their forces have problem profiles for child sexual exploitation, each of which should include an assessment of the nature and extent of group-based child sexual exploitation. This should include relevant data from local partner agencies and should be updated frequently, at least annually.**

Context: The police generally use problem profiles to provide a greater understanding of established or emerging threats. They include data from partner organisations and help senior leaders to prioritise their allocation of resources. They also help frontline police personnel and their supervisors to understand local risks and demands. None of the six forces or the two ROCUs we inspected had produced a problem profile specifically for group-based child sexual exploitation. Group-based child sexual exploitation is often seen as a subset of wider child sexual abuse and exploitation. This means forces should have a problem profile on child sexual abuse or child sexual exploitation, which ideally includes an assessment of group-based child sexual exploitation. We found two of the six forces had problem profiles for child sexual exploitation, which had been completed in the previous 12 months from the start of our inspection. But only one force included group-based child sexual exploitation as part of a wider problem profile that related to general child sexual exploitation

Response: North Wales Police has a dedicated problem profile for child sexual exploitation, which includes relevant data from partner agencies and an assessment of group-based CSE offending. This has been reviewed against volume of data / intelligence and the force has determined that this profile is suitable to be updated bi-annually. However, this will be kept under regular review based upon necessity with the frequency of updates increased if required.

www.heddlu-gogledd-cymru.police.uk

www.north-wales.police.uk

SWYDDFA'R PRIF GWNSTABL
Pencadlys yr Heddlu, Glan-y-Don,
Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
Ffôn (Cymraeg): 0300 330 0101

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE
Police Headquarters, Glan-y-Don,
Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
Tel (English): 0300 330 0101



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

- **Recommendation (29941):** By 30 June 2024, all Chief Constables of forces that are yet to receive the Hydrant Programme's continuing professional development offer should arrange it.

Context: Through our survey, we asked the six forces and two regional organised crime units we inspected about the learning and development they had provided about group-based child sexual exploitation. Forces responded and said that they didn't provide training on this specific topic, although one force had plans to do so. We were also told that some had accepted an offer of continuing professional development from the Hydrant Programme, which it offers to all forces, free of charge. It includes training for specialist investigators involved in identifying and investigating complex sexual offences against children, including group-based child sexual exploitation. We found that between May 2021 and December 2022, the Hydrant Programme had provided such training to 16 forces. At the time of our inspection, three further forces were due to receive training. This meant that 24 forces had yet to take up Hydrant's offer. As well as training specialist investigators, it is equally important to train all police personnel so that they have an awareness of the signs and indicators of group-based child exploitation and know how to support those who need it.

Response: North Wales Police was one of the forces who had been provided with the Hydrant CPD offer in 2022.

A copy of this letter has been uploaded onto the HMICFRS Monitoring Portal as per procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Blakeman
Prif Gwnstabl / Chief Constable

www.heddlu-gogledd-cymru.police.uk

www.north-wales.police.uk

SWYDDFA'R PRIF GWNSTABL
Pencadlys yr Heddlu, Glan-y-Don,
Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
Ffôn (Cymraeg): 0300 330 0101

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE
Police Headquarters, Glan-y-Don,
Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
Tel (English): 0300 330 0101