



Response Date:27/05/2025

2025/531 - Unlicensed music events

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1) The number of unlicensed music events (illegal raves) that police have been called to in the past five calendar years (2019-2024).**
- 2) The number of individuals arrested for attending or hosting an unlicensed music event in the past five years**
- 3) The number of individuals who have been fined for attending or hosting an unlicensed music event in the past five years, and the total sum that has been collected in fines for that period.**
- 4) The age of the youngest person arrested or fined at an unlicensed music event each year. Please specify if they were arrested or fined.**
- 5) The number of under 18s recorded as being at an unlicensed music event each year.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. A keyword search has been carried out on both of our RMS and CAD for Illegal Rave and/or unlicensed music event (UME). ICAD logs calls to the control room and RMS logs crimes/occurrences.

To identify if the ICAD incidents are relevant to your request and to answer your other questions would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

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Year	Number of incidents (ICAD)
2019	78
2020	138
2021	92
2022	57
2023	73
2024	55

Below are the relevant occurrences from RMS.

Calendar Year	Status	HO Description	Summary
2019	Victim declines/unable to identify offender - Suspect not identified	Other criminal damage, other (Under £5000.00 damage)	Illegal rave at the location address, offenders have used means unknown to remove chain and lock from gate allowing entry to the location address
2019	Victim not support/withdrawn support - Named suspect identified	Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5000.00 damage)	IP contacted the police control room to report a music rave in the woodlands
2020	Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	non crime occurrence	Operation Blue Forest - unlicensed music events profile management
2020	Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	non crime occurrence	Large rave has been on going at location. Officers have attended due to people attending are breaching covid regulations.
2020	Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	non crime occurrence	... HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ILLEGAL RAVE (RELATED LINKED OCCURRENCE) WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAD ATTENDED AGAINST COVID REGULATIONS.
2021	Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	non crime occurrence	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES RE RAVE PARTY
2021	Victim not support/withdrawn support - Named suspect identified	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	The aggrieved in this matter attended what he believed was an illegal rave in North Wales.
2021	Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	non crime occurrence	Occurrence created in order to document strategy to deal with an unlicensed music event

2022	Not a crime (NCRS compliant)	ASB NUISANCE	INFORMANT REPORTING THAT THERE WAS A LOUD RAVE AT THE LOCATION, LOUD MUSIC, SHOUTING AND CHEERING CAUSING A NUISANCE FOR RESIDENTS.
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THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 23/05/2025