



**HEDDLU**  
**GOGLEDD CYMRU**  
**NORTH WALES**  
**POLICE**

Response Date:30/06/2025

**2025/660 - Grindr related crimes**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- **How many reported crimes involved the Grindr app in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**
- **Of those cases, for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in how many were charges successfully brought?**
- **How many reported crimes have involved the Grindr app so far this year? (Please specify the months included in the available data)**

| Calendar Year | Calendar Month Long | HO Code | HO Description                                                            | Outcomes                                                           | Summary                                                                                                                                         |
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| 2019          | October             | 195/94  | Harassment                                                                | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified | IP is being harassed via the app GRINDER by a known male.                                                                                       |
| 2019          | November            | 195/94  | Harassment                                                                | 18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified                   | Victim has been receiving unwanted messages from a male from the Grindr Website.                                                                |
| 2019          | November            | 195/12  | Pursue course of conduct in breach of Sec 1 (1) which amounts to stalking | 15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties | ...OFFENDER HAS CONTINUED TO HARASS/STALK I.P. BY GETTING A FRIEND TO MESSAGE HIM VIA GRINDR, AFTER I.P. HAS BLOCKED HIM FROM ALL SOCIAL MEDIA. |

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| 2019 | December | 019/10A | Single Offender:<br>Rape of a male<br>aged 16 or over                                         | 14. Victim Declines / Unable to<br>Support Action to Identify<br>Offender | IP used a dating app called Grinder and arranged to<br>meet a male at the location address in late November,<br>the IP reports the male raped him.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2020 | April    | 022/07  | Sexual activity with<br>a male child under<br>16, penetration,<br>offender aged 18 or<br>over | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws<br>Support - Named Suspect<br>Identified  | Email Request - Suspect inciting IP through dating app<br>Grindr. Conversations between both parties have been<br>reviewed it was clear that the suspect had travelled to<br>the area to engage in sexual activity.                                                                                                         |
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| 2020 | June     | 019/10A | Single Offender:<br>Rape of a male<br>aged 16 or over                                         | 14. Victim Declines / Unable to<br>Support Action to Identify<br>Offender | Male has disclosed to his Mother that he was raped by<br>another Male. She believes he met him on Grindr                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2021 | February | 008/72  | Malicious Comms -<br>Sending letters etc<br>with intent to cause<br>distress or anxiety       | 18. Investigation Complete No<br>Suspect Identified                       | Victim reporting that there is a fake grinder profile of<br>him. Appears that people are talking to person who<br>created the fake profile and then sending them to his<br>home address or they continually contact him and when<br>this people turn up they are unhappy with the victim but<br>has nothing to do with him. |
| 2021 | August   | 125/09  | Causing intentional<br>harassment, alarm<br>or distress (Sec 4A)                              | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws<br>Support - Named Suspect<br>Identified  | caller having issues with his brother who is creating<br>online accounts on gay websites using ip's photos on<br>Grinder and Facebook                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2021 | November | 035/00  | Blackmail                                                                                     | 18. Investigation Complete No<br>Suspect Identified                       | Victim has contacted NWP wishing to report whilst using<br>the app Grinder he has been in conversation with a<br>female profile, which has included exchanging nude<br>pictures of each other. Victim has since received threats<br>to share the images / conversation unless he pays £300.                                 |
| 2022 | May      | 071/17  | Engage in sexual<br>communication<br>with a child                                             | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim<br>Supports but Evidential Difficulties  | a Grindr subject...has initiated chat with a male child he<br>was quickly told was 14 years old. His profile stated that<br>he was 37 years old, white and single...                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2022 | July     | 071/17  | Engage in sexual<br>communication<br>with a child                                             | Under Investigation                                                       | Grindr user 'Hung' engaged online with a 13 year old<br>male child.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2022 | October  | 195/94  | Harassment                                                                                    | 18. Investigation Complete No                                             | Aggrieved reporting that over the course of around 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|      |          |        |                                                                                | Suspect Identified                                                 | months both he and his partner have been receiving numerous unwanted texts and whatsapp messages from unknown persons. Suspects have also been creating fake grinder accounts and leaking their address on line                                                                                                                                             |
| 2022 | December | 017/15 | Sexual assault on a male aged 13 or over                                       | 13. Named Suspect but Victim / Key Witness Deceased or Too Ill     | Victim has attended at the front counter wishing to report ... he was approached by the suspect who had asked him to join Grinder. The victim has then done so and communicated via the app. The next day the victim has been out running when he was approached by the suspect again who had touched the victim's penis and attempted to perform oral sex. |
| 2023 | January  | 008/72 | Malicious Comms - Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified | THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN HARASSING THE IP SINCE HE ENDED THEIR RELATIONSHIP 4 WEEKS AGO. THE SUSPECT HAS MADE FAKE GRINDR PROFILES AND HAS POSTED ABUSE ABOUT THE IP ON FACEBOOK PUTTING HIS EMPLOYMENT AT RISK .                                                                                                                                               |
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