



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:02/07/2025

2025/701 - Custody photos of convicts

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Are custody photos published on the force's web site? Do they remain there indefinitely? – Not all are, usually only ones relating to major cases and they would remain on the website.

Are there restrictions on who custody photos are made available to? Can any member of the public request them? Can press organisations?– Custody photos are only released to accredited journalists and media organisations. All photos are accompanied on release with the following:

Please note: The attached image(s) are provided subject to the following Terms and conditions:

Custody photographs remain the property of North Wales Police and are supplied to illustrate a court report where a custodial sentence has been imposed. The image(s) released to you by North Wales Police are for exclusive and specific use in the context of this sentencing and it is restricted for use only in connection with this specific case. It subsequently must not be used or reused in any way after that time without prior written authority from the Corporate Communications Department.

Images should not be archived by media organisations. Credit should read: 'North Wales Police', and they should be published with our watermark and must not be edited. Images can only be released contemporaneously following a sentencing.

It is the media's responsibility to check whether any reporting restrictions apply that prevent the defendant from being identified.

By publishing the photograph(s), you are accepting and agreeing to these terms.

What criteria are used in determining the release/publication of a custody photo of a person charged with/convicted of an offence? Is there a minimum sentence length requirement for photo publication? Please include every requirement in your response. We do not work to a definitive sentence length, but work within the College of Policing Guidance:

Specifically in respect of images, the police, as the legal copyright owner, are responsible for releasing an offender's custody photograph. The image may be released upon a guilty verdict unless there is a court order or legitimate policing purpose preventing their identification. Images may be released as soon as possible after the verdict to allow the media to publish them contemporaneously (in their next available edition or broadcast). The image can be released again upon sentence if necessary.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 02/07/2025

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