



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:15/09/2025

2025/938 - Biometric data

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1) Has this police force ever requested or collected biometric data—such as fingerprints, photographs, or videos—from an educational establishment or an educational supplier? This pertains to educational institutions from Nursery through Year 13 and excludes institutions for students beyond Year 13.**
- 2) If the answer to question 1 is yes, please specify the types of biometric data obtained (e.g., fingerprints, photographs), the number of individuals involved, and whether this data was shared with any other entities such as Prevent.**
- 3) If the answer to question 1 is yes, have any convictions been secured based on data obtained from a school biometric database?**
- 4) If the answer to question 1 is yes, has any biometric data been added to the police database? If so, please provide the number of data subjects' biometric records added each year.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To even comply with Section 1 (1) (1) of the Freedom of Information Legislation (which is the duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority) would be 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 (2), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

However, unless an individual was invited in for a VA and then summoned, we would not take biometrics from children in schools.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 12/09/2025

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