



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:23/03/2026

2026/312 - Communications Offences

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to request the following information relating to communications offences
• **For each of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 the number of arrests made by your force for each of the following offences**

- **Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988**
- **Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003**
- **Section 179, Part 10, of the Online Safety Act 2023 (false communications)**

• **For each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 the number of people charged by your force for each of the following offences**

- **Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988**
- **Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003**
- **Section 179, Part 10, of the Online Safety Act 2023 (false communications)**

Arrests

Act / HO Code		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
S127 Communications Act 2003	196/07	108	122	117	140	115
S179 Online Safety Act 2023	138/52	0	0	0	1	2
S1 Malicious Communications Act 1988	008/72	23	16	15	11	7

Charges

Offender Count + Charged	S127 Communications Act 2003	S179 Online Safety Act 2023	S1 Malicious Communications Act 1988
2021	7	0	97
2022	3	0	107
2023	12	0	80
2024	12	1	27
2025	10	0	12

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 20/03/2026

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