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2026/1033 - Residential closure orders, 2023–2025

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

Please provide the following information separately for each calendar year: 2023, 2024 and 2025, covering 1 January to 31 December inclusive.

Section 1: Closure orders

For closure orders granted by magistrates' courts under section 80 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, following applications made by your force, please provide:

1. The total number of orders granted in each year.
2. Of those orders, the number relating to:
- **Residential premises/dwellings.**
- **Non-residential premises.**
- **Premises whose type is unknown or not recorded.**

Please count each initial section 80 order once, according to the date the court granted it. Include full and partial closure orders. Exclude closure notices, temporary orders under section 81, extensions under section 82, and unsuccessful applications.

I am requesting order counts rather than unique properties.

For the premises-type breakdown, please use existing recorded classifications. I don't require manual assessment of property type from narrative reports. If this breakdown can't be supplied on that basis, please provide the annual totals and explain that the premises-type breakdown is unavailable.

Please briefly identify the classifications treated as residential and flag any missing coverage or departures from these definitions, including whether your figures also include council-led orders.

1	Wrexham	Granted Order - 16 March 23	3MTHS	partial
2	Bangor	Granted Order - 4 April 23	3MTHS	partial
3	Penmaenmawr	Granted Order - 10 March 2023	3MTHS	partial
4	Penmaenmawr	Granted order - 10 March 23	3MTHS	partial
5	Wrexham	Not Recorded*		
6	Wrexham	Granted Order - 15 May 2023	3MTHS	partial
7	Wrexham	Not Recorded*		
8	Rhyl	Granted Order - 20 Oct 2023	3MTHS	partial
9	Wrexham	Granted Order - 23 Nov 2023	3MTHS	partial
10	Caernarfon	Granted order - 20 Dec 2023	3MTHS	partial
11	Gwersyllt	Granted Order - 5 March 24	3MTHS	partial
12	Rhyl	Not Recorded*		
13	Rhos	Granted Order - 18 July 2024	3MTHS	partial
14	Blaenau Ffestiniog	Not Recorded*		
15	Trefor, Wrexham	Granted Order - 7 Nov 2024	3MTHS	partial
16	Pen Y Cae, Wrexham	Granted Order - 11 Nov 2024	3MTHS	partial
17	Ruabon, Wrexham	Granted Order - 7 January 2025	3MTHS	partial
18	Llandudno	Granted Order - 5 Feb 2025	3MTHS	partial
19	Wrexham	Granted Order - 12 Feb 2025	3MTHS	partial
20	Bangor	Not Recorded*		
21	Wrexham	Granted Order - 8 May 25	3MTHS	partial
22	Bangor	Granted Order - 15 May 25	3MTHS	partial
23	Caernarfon	Granted Order - 30 April 25	3MTHS	partial

24	Wrexham	Granted Order - 16 May 25	3MTHS	partial
25	Llanberis	Not Recorded*	3MTHS	partial
26	Rhyl	Granted Order - 29 Sept 25	3MTHS	partial
27	Bangor	Granted Order - 12 Nov 25	3MTHS	partial

All but one relate to 'Residential premises/dwellings'.

No orders have been refused.

*further details are not recorded in a retrievable format. To obtain the information in the format you have requested 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.

Section 2: Premises-related recorded offences

Please provide the number of police-recorded offences in each year, separately for:

1. Production or being concerned in the production of cannabis - Home Office offence code 092/21.
2. Keeping a brothel used for prostitution - Home Office offence code 024/19.
3. Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes under section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Please provide separate counts for each relevant offence classification, including the codes and titles used.

Please use the date the crime was recorded, exclude crimes subsequently cancelled, and use the offence classification held at the time of extraction.

For each offence classification and year, please provide:

- The total recorded-offence count.
- A breakdown by the existing recorded location/premises-type field, where available, retaining your existing category labels and including unknown or not-recorded locations.

I don't require manual review of narrative reports or case files to establish location type. If no suitable structured field is available, please provide the annual offence totals and confirm that the location-type breakdown is unavailable.

I'm requesting recorded-offence counts, rather than arrests, convictions, raids, suspects or unique properties.

Please provide the extraction date and flag any known recording-system changes or coverage gaps affecting these figures.

Response format and scope

No addresses, postcodes, names or case-level personal information are required for either section.

Please distinguish zero counts from information that is not held, unavailable or withheld, and identify any suppressed figures clearly.

Premise Offences:

Offence/Location Subtype		2023	2024	2025
Keeping a brothel used for prostitution	Flat	0	0	1
	No Occ MO Location Subtype	0	0	1
Keeping a brothel used for prostitution				**1**
Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes in connection with Cannabis (class B drug)	Farm	0	1	0
	No Occ MO Location Subtype	1	0	0
Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes in connection with Cannabis (class B drug)		**1**	**1**	
Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes in connection with Heroin (class A drug)	No Occ MO Location Subtype	1	0	0

Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes in connection with Heroin (class A drug)		**1**		

Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant	Building site	0	0	1
	Church/religious building	1	0	0
	Farm	0	0	1
	Flat	2	3	2
	Guest house	0	0	1
	House	9	15	13
	Industrial estate	0	0	2
	No Occ MO Location Subtype	32	19	16
	Other (commercial)	1	0	2
	Other (dwelling)	0	0	2
	Other (public building)	0	1	0
	Other (shop)	0	2	0
	Outbuilding - Other	1	2	0
	Park/garden	1	0	0
	Post office	0	2	0
	Shed (Garden Shed)	1	0	1
	Street/road	1	1	0
	Warehouse	0	0	1
Production or being concerned in production of Cannabis (class B drug) - including Cultivation of a Cannabis plant		**47**	**44**	**36**

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 20/10/2026