HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:27/10/2026

2026/1089 - Epilepsy trolling

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request the following information regarding the offence of sending or showing flashing images with intent to harm, created under Section 183 of the Online Safety Act 2023 (commonly referred to as "epilepsy trolling"). This may be recorded under offence code 00529.
For the period from 31 January 2024 to the present date, please provide:
1. The total number of individuals arrested for this offence.

2. A breakdown of those arrested by age (e.g. under 18, 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–54, 55+).

3. A breakdown of those arrested by gender (e.g. male or female).

We have searched for arrests under the offence code requested, this resulted in a nil return.

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