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POLICE

Response Date:06/11/2026

2026/1102 - Sex workers

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am seeking information for the calendar year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. Please provide:
1. The number of homicide investigations recorded by your force in which the victim was recorded or identified by police as being engaged in sex work at the time of their death.
2. Of those cases, the number in which strangulation, neck compression, suffocation or asphyxia caused by neck compression was identified as a cause or contributing factor in the death.
3. For each case identified above, where this information is held, please provide:
*** the victim's sex.**
*** the recorded cause or method of death.**
*** whether strangulation, compression of the neck, suffocation or asphyxia caused by neck compression was identified as a cause or contributing factor.**
*** whether a suspect was charged with murder or manslaughter.**
*** the current case outcome/status.**

For the purposes of this request, by "sex work" I mean the provision of sexual services in exchange for money or other payment, including both street-based and indoor/online-arranged sex work.

I appreciate that forces may record information relating to sex work in different ways. If your force does not record "sex worker" as a searchable victim characteristic but holds information that would allow relevant cases to be identified through another reasonably practicable search for example through homicide records, occupation fields, intelligence markers or other relevant records, I would be grateful if this could be considered.

If the full request cannot be answered, please provide as much information as can be supplied prioritised in the following order:
1. The total number of homicide victims identified or recorded as sex workers in 2025.
2. The number of those deaths in which strangulation/neck compression was recorded as a cause or contributing factor.
3. The individual case information requested above.

North Wales Police have no homicides meeting the criteria.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/10/2026