HEDDLU GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES POLICE

Response Date:04/11/2026

2026/1124 - Neurodivergence

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I request the following recorded information in relation to individuals held in police custody by your force.

Police custody duration

For each calendar year from 2015 to 2025, or the most recent period for which data are available, please provide the number of individuals detained in police custody and, where available, the percentage that each category represents of all custody detentions in that year, broken down by:

* **ethnic group**
* **sex**
* **age group**

Please provide the following custody-duration categories:

* **up to 24 hours**
* **more than 24 hours and up to 36 hours**
* **more than 36 hours and up to 96 hours**

Where data relate to custody episodes rather than unique individuals, please indicate this.

Neurodivergence

For each calendar year from 2015 to 2025, or the most recent period for which data are available, please provide the number of individuals identified within custody records as having a neurodevelopmental condition, learning difficulty, learning disability, autism spectrum condition, ADHD, or other neurodivergence-related need, where such information is recorded.

Please provide the number of individuals and, where available, the percentage that each category represents of all custody detentions in that year, broken down by:

* **recorded type of neurodivergence or neurodevelopmental need**
* **ethnic group**
* **sex**
* **age group**

Please provide neurodivergence categories as recorded within the force's custody system and include any coding frameworks, definitions, or explanatory notes used.

If information relating to neurodivergence is not centrally recorded, or would require manual review of individual records, please provide any aggregate statistics routinely produced or otherwise readily available.

Please provide the information in an electronic format (such as Excel or CSV), together with any accompanying definitions, metadata, data dictionaries or explanatory notes necessary to interpret the data.

If calendar-year data are unavailable, financial-year data covering the same period would be acceptable.

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide any information that can be disclosed within the limit and advise how the remaining request might be refined.

Custody Time by Age Range

Unique Custody Records
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Count of Custody #	Column Labels				
Row Labels	01. Up to 24 Hrs	02. 24 to 36 Hrs	03. 36 to 96 Hrs	Check	Grand Total
2015	**12602**	**492**	**519**		**13613**
02. 10-17	1082	25	26		1133
03. 18-24	3068	120	119		3307
04. 25-34	3736	174	162		4072

05. 35-44	2492	99	132	2723
06. 45-54	1509	59	61	1629
07. 55-64	456	12	12	480
08. 65 and Older	259	3	7	269
2016	**11066**	**484**	**434**	**11984**
02. 10-17	915	13	14	942
03. 18-24	2461	98	84	2643
04. 25-34	3382	172	143	3697
05. 35-44	2261	118	107	2486
06. 45-54	1426	60	69	1555
07. 55-64	424	15	8	447
08. 65 and Older	196	8	9	213
09. DOB Not Recorded	1			1
2017	**9785**	**563**	**552**	**10900**
02. 10-17	628	18	16	662
03. 18-24	2072	92	93	2257
04. 25-34	3234	218	208	3660
05. 35-44	2017	134	139	2290
06. 45-54	1285	76	76	1437
07. 55-64	402	20	17	439
08. 65 and Older	146	5	3	154
09. DOB Not Recorded	1			1
2018	**9444**	**610**	**541**	**10595**
02. 10-17	509	16	7	532
03. 18-24	1867	112	100	2079
04. 25-34	3175	240	212	3627
05. 35-44	2037	139	126	2302
06. 45-54	1245	69	65	1379
07. 55-64	450	23	27	500
08. 65 and Older	161	11	4	176
2019	**9469**	**512**	**461**	**10442**
02. 10-17	506	9	9	524
03. 18-24	1973	97	79	2149
04. 25-34	3168	204	175	3547
05. 35-44	2007	121	117	2245
06. 45-54	1237	55	62	1354
07. 55-64	411	24	17	452
08. 65 and Older	164	2	2	168
09. DOB Not Recorded	3			3
2020	**9059**	**423**	**376**	**9858**

02. 10-17	458	10			468
03. 18-24	1758	79	64		1901
04. 25-34	3170	173	141		3484
05. 35-44	1975	92	101		2168
06. 45-54	1188	57	49		1294
07. 55-64	369	8	16		393
08. 65 and Older	140	4	5		149
09. DOB Not Recorded	1				1
2021	**8858**	**401**	**379**		**9638**
02. 10-17	568	10	5		583
03. 18-24	1655	64	55		1774
04. 25-34	2866	124	116		3106
05. 35-44	2081	128	124		2333
06. 45-54	1145	59	56		1260
07. 55-64	407	15	13		435
08. 65 and Older	135	1	10		146
09. DOB Not Recorded	1				1
2022	**9597**	**431**	**367**		**10395**
02. 10-17	629	13	2		644
03. 18-24	1500	56	32		1588
04. 25-34	2999	170	143		3312
05. 35-44	2391	112	112		2615
06. 45-54	1354	59	60		1473
07. 55-64	544	17	14		575
08. 65 and Older	180	4	4		188
2023	**10632**	**514**	**445**		**11591**
02. 10-17	678	9	4		691
03. 18-24	1592	60	60		1712
04. 25-34	3238	204	151		3593
05. 35-44	2786	144	135		3065
06. 45-54	1511	69	61		1641
07. 55-64	610	21	29		660
08. 65 and Older	216	7	5		228
09. DOB Not Recorded	1				1
2024	**11333**	**527**	**493**	**1**	**12354**
02. 10-17	639	9	7		655
03. 18-24	1617	46	54		1717
04. 25-34	3318	195	170		3683
05. 35-44	3123	187	167		3477
06. 45-54	1697	66	69		1832

07. 55-64	734	18	23	1	776
08. 65 and Older	203	6	3		212
09. DOB Not Recorded	2				2
2025	**12209**	**539**	**451**		**13199**
02. 10-17	703	3	2		708
03. 18-24	1669	58	38		1765
04. 25-34	3336	187	143		3666
05. 35-44	3562	181	162		3905
06. 45-54	1814	80	79		1973
07. 55-64	896	25	20		941
08. 65 and Older	228	5	7		240
09. DOB Not Recorded	1				1
Grand Total	**114054**	**5496**	**5018**	**1**	**124569**

Custody Time by Self-Defined Ethnicity

Unique Custody Records

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2015	**12602**	**492**	**519**		**13613**
Asian	109	14	26		149
Black	86	7	9		102
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	61	6	5		72
Not Stated	1093	29	39		1161
Other Ethnic Group	119	11	2		132
SDE Not Recorded	420	12	12		444
White	10714	413	426		11553
2016	**11066**	**484**	**434**		**11984**
Asian	152	13	6		171
Black	84	5	3		92
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	72	3	8		83
Not Stated	1019	52	30		1101
Other Ethnic Group	108	6	5		119
SDE Not Recorded	331	12	9		352

White	9300	393	373	10066
2017	**9785**	**563**	**552**	**10900**
Asian	94	14	10	118
Black	94	5	5	104
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	72	5	7	84
Not Stated	890	51	55	996
Other Ethnic Group	113	10	11	134
SDE Not Recorded	106	7	5	118
White	8416	471	459	9346
2018	**9444**	**610**	**541**	**10595**
Asian	90	7	4	101
Black	90	17	4	111
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	59	5	6	70
Not Stated	875	64	56	995
Other Ethnic Group	105	6	12	123
SDE Not Recorded	85	4	4	93
White	8140	507	455	9102
2019	**9469**	**512**	**461**	**10442**
Asian	70	5	3	78
Black	87	5	12	104
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	83	5	4	92
Not Stated	869	61	47	977
Other Ethnic Group	137	12	6	155
SDE Not Recorded	75	2	4	81
White	8148	422	385	8955
2020	**9059**	**423**	**376**	**9858**
Asian	59	1	2	62
Black	68	1	1	70
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	77	3	1	81
Not Stated	918	48	37	1003
Other Ethnic Group	125	6	5	136
SDE Not Recorded	82	6	8	96
White	7730	358	322	8410
2021	**8858**	**401**	**379**	**9638**
Asian	66	1	2	69
Black	75	4	2	81
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	92	1	2	95
Not Stated	876	42	42	960
Other Ethnic Group	113	2	4	119
SDE Not Recorded	84	2	2	88

White	7552	349	325		8226
2022	**9597**	**431**	**367**		**10395**
Asian	65	5	4		74
Black	74	5	1		80
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	122	14	3		139
Not Stated	999	42	41		1082
Other Ethnic Group	159	8	4		171
SDE Not Recorded	75		4		79
White	8103	357	310		8770
2023	**10632**	**514**	**445**		**11591**
Asian	103	4	6		113
Black	109	7	2		118
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	94	8	7		109
Not Stated	1142	49	53		1244
Other Ethnic Group	141	12	10		163
SDE Not Recorded	52	3	5		60
White	8991	431	362		9784
2024	**11333**	**527**	**493**	**1**	**12354**
Asian	142	5	12		159
Black	141	5	8		154
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	97	5	10		112
Not Stated	1394	61	66		1521
Other Ethnic Group	166	12	9		187
SDE Not Recorded	38	1	1		40
White	9355	438	387	1	10181
2025	**12209**	**539**	**451**		**13199**
Asian	149	13	7		169
Black	133	6	4		143
Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity Group	104	3	5		112
Not Stated	1417	60	59		1536
Other Ethnic Group	179	5	6		190
SDE Not Recorded	31		1		32
White	10196	452	369		11017
Grand Total	**114054**	**5496**	**5018**	**1**	**124569**

Custody Time by Gender

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Female	2106	42	52		2200
Male	10487	450	467		11404
Not Recorded	5				5
Other	2				2
Unknown	2				2
2016	**11066**	**484**	**434**		**11984**
Female	1837	49	40		1926
Male	9221	435	394		10050
Not Recorded	3				3
Other	4				4
Unknown	1				1
2017	**9785**	**563**	**552**		**10900**
Female	1586	64	45		1695
Male	8192	499	507		9198
Not Recorded	2				2
Other	4				4
Unknown	1				1
2018	**9444**	**610**	**541**		**10595**
Female	1587	51	55		1693
Male	7854	559	486		8899
Not Recorded	1				1
Unknown	2				2
2019	**9469**	**512**	**461**		**10442**
Female	1613	46	55		1714
Male	7843	465	406		8714
Not Recorded	3				3
Other	2				2
Unknown	8	1			9
2020	**9059**	**423**	**376**		**9858**
Female	1586	41	44		1671
Male	7466	382	331		8179

Not Recorded	1				1
Other	4		1		5
Unknown	2				2
2021	**8858**	**401**	**379**		**9638**
Female	1585	53	39		1677
Male	7264	348	340		7952
Not Recorded	1				1
Other	6				6
Unknown	2				2
2022	**9597**	**431**	**367**		**10395**
Female	1779	42	38		1859
Male	7815	389	327		8531
Other	3		2		5
2023	**10632**	**514**	**445**		**11591**
Female	1943	56	54		2053
Male	8677	458	391		9526
Not Recorded	5				5
Other	4				4
Unknown	3				3
2024	**11333**	**527**	**493**	**1**	**12354**
Female	2101	49	51		2201
Male	9221	478	442		10141
Not Recorded	3			1	4
Other	3				3
Unknown	5				5
2025	**12209**	**539**	**451**		**13199**
Female	2321	46	45		2412
Male	9878	493	406		10777
Not Recorded	3				3
Other	1				1
Unknown	6				6
Grand Total	**114054**	**5496**	**5018**	**1**	**124569**

Below Data - based on the Custody RA Learning Difficulties/Disabilities Flag = "Y"
Power BI data is limited to the last 2 full fiscal years plus the current fiscal year - years below are fiscal years

Count Arrivals Assessment Learning Difficulties Flag = Y.
Data available from April 2024

SDE Group	2024	2025	2026	**Total**
	0	0	0	**0**
White	389	398	262	**1,049**
Black	5	4	0	**9**
Asian	2	3	0	**5**
Mixed	6	6	1	**13**
Other	3	2	2	**7**
Not Stated	58	92	34	**184**
Total	**463**	**505**	**299**	**1,267**

Count Arrivals Assessment Learning Difficulties Flag = Y.
Data available from April 2024

Gender Description	2024	2025	2026	**Total**
	0	0	0	**0**
Male	383	383	249	**1,015**
Female	76	117	48	**241**
Indeterminate	0	0	0	**0**
Unknown	4	5	2	**11**
Total	**463**	**505**	**299**	**1,267**

Count Arrivals Assessment Learning Difficulties Flag = Y.
Data available from April 2024

Age Group	2024	2025	2026	**Total**
	0	0	0	**0**
Under 17 yrs	47	90	22	**159**
18 - 24 yrs	92	98	57	**247**
25 - 34 yrs	154	143	74	**371**
35 - 44 yrs	94	93	91	**278**
45 - 54 yrs	45	44	32	**121**
55 - 64 yrs	24	25	10	**59**
65 yrs & over	4	8	11	**23**
Unknown	3	4	2	**9**
Total	**463**	**505**	**299**	**1,267**

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