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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:04/08/2025

2025/756 - Stop and search

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following data held by your force for the period from 1 January 2022 to the present (or the most recent available date)

1a) The total number of stop and search incidents where the object of the search included offensive weapons

Stop Search 2022-2025 where object of search = offensive weapons or crossbow
1843

1b) The total number of stop and search incidents where the object of the search included offensive weapons and there was a suspected or alleged link to wildlife crime.

2. Of the incidents involving wildlife crime recorded on police intelligence recording systems in addition to crime recording systems, how many involved the possession, suspected possession, or use of catapults?

**3. For the searches described in point 2, please provide a breakdown of:
The outcome of each search (e.g. no further action, arrest, charge, summons, caution).
The number of subjects aged: 1.) Under 11 years old 2.) Between 11-18 years old.
Whether there were any suspected links to other forms of antisocial behaviour.
The specific offences alleged or identified (e.g. poaching, hunting with dogs, criminal damage to wildlife, etc.).**

None of the Stop searches were added to a wildlife crime offence.

4. If available, please provide any guidance, policy, or briefing documents used by your force regarding stop and search in the context of wildlife crime or catapult-related offences.

No information held.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 01/08/2025