



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:05/08/2025

2025/796 - Assets confiscated

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

data relating to items or assets that have been confiscated, seized, or otherwise removed from serving police officers, PCSOs, or police staff due to breaches of policy, criminal investigations, or misconduct proceedings.

Specifically, please provide the following information:

1. Statistics by year (for calendar years 2021, '22, '23, '24, and '25) on the number of items confiscated, broken down by category where recorded, e.g.:

- **Weapons (firearms, knives, batons, etc.)**
- **Controlled drugs or substances**
- **Cash (including unexplained/unauthorised sums)**
- **Cryptocurrency (provide an estimated value)**
- **Digital assets (e.g., laptops, mobile phones, storage devices)**
- **Other contraband or prohibited property**

2. For each category, please provide (where recorded):

- **The total number of incidents per year.**
- **The type of item(s) confiscated (broad description only).**
- **Whether confiscation occurred as part of internal disciplinary investigations or criminal investigations.**

3. Please confirm whether your force maintains a central record or database of such confiscations (e.g., through the Professional Standards Department or Property/Evidence Unit), and if so, what datasets are recorded (e.g., item type, value, reason for seizure, outcome).

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. 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.

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

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