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2025/810 - RASSO

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Between 1 April 2024 and 1 July 2025, how many RASSO investigations the force undertook.

There have been 2432 rapes and sexual offences within the specified time period.

Of these, how many investigations included the request of the victim's counselling records?

Of these, how many led to court orders to obtain said therapist records?

And how many cases were dropped after the therapist refused to hand over the records?

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.

During the same timeframe, has the force been investigated by ICO for a data breach, regarding the request of a victim's counselling records?

I can confirm that North Wales Police have not been investigated by the ICO for a data breach, regarding the request of a victim's counselling records between 1 April 2024 and 1 July 2025.

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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