



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 29/05/2026

2026/556 - Proposed reforms to the vetting procedures.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please give details of any current or proposed reforms to the vetting procedures.

None.

Reform of Police Vetting procedures are a matter for the Home Office to determine.

Specifically, if there are any proposals to vet officers following complaints from public.

As above.

I.e are there any proposals to remove vetting of officers receive at certain number of complaints , either proven or not proven.

As above.

Please detail any safeguards if there are proposals to protect officers from malicious complaints , and complaints receiving that are expected to be made when officers carry out their lawful duties.

Legislative changes in February 2020 removed the ability of PSD to determine that complaints might be vexatious or frivolous.

For example an officer has 3 complaints over the course of 3 years would there vetting be revoked ? Regardless if they are proven or not ? –

The factors leading to withdrawal of police officer vetting are set out in the Vetting APP and Regulations, any assessment may include matters arising from public complaints.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/05/2026

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