



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

1. Does your force currently have any type of 'Autism Card' scheme in which those who have an active diagnosis of Autism within the area can be provided with a card or some form of identification which makes officers or police personnel aware of their condition should they ever come into contact with law enforcement.
2. If so, please can you provide information on the application process and provide a disclosure of any application forms, policy and/or guidance documents and also a downloadable version of the card (if available for the general public); AND
3. Please provide a disclosure of the number of applications received for the issue of such a card under that or a similar scheme in a) the past year and b) in the past three years.

Response 1:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, as outlined below.

Dyfed-Powys police have a Pegasus scheme which enables anyone who experiences communication difficulties to register and provide us with information in order that when they need to contact us, whether in person or by telephone, we have information on how best to communicate with that individual readily available.

Response 2:

Full details, including a leaflet and application form can be found on our website via the below link:

<https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/advice-support/i-find-it-hard-to-speak-to-the-police-on-the-phone-or-in-person-join-the-pegasus-scheme/>

Response 3:

- a. In the last year 44 people applied for Pegasus.
- b. In the last 3 years, 215 people have applied for Pegasus (01.09.2017 to 01.09.2020)

It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.