



# Heddlu Police

## DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 331/2021

**Request:**

Under freedom of information legislation, I am seeking the following information:

1. The number of individual children under 18 who were arrested in connection with a crime between 2010 and 2014, broken down by calendar year
2. The number of individual children who were charged in connection with a crime between 2010 and 2014, broken down by calendar year
3. The age of the youngest person arrested in connection with a crime during this period and the alleged offence
4. The age of the youngest person charged in connection with a crime during this period and the alleged offence

**Response 1:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested;

**Under 18's arrested**

Year	Number
2011	1451
2012	1378
2013	917
2014	600

**Response 2:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested;

**Under 18's charged**

Year	Under 18 charged
2011	437
2012	407
2013	269
2014	136

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**Response 3:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested;

Within the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is 10 years of age. The table below lists the crime and age of the individual.

**Young person's arrested**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>age</b>
2011	Criminal damage to property value unknown	10
2011	Burglary other than dwelling - theft	10
2011	Criminal damage to property value unknown	10
2011	Common assault	10
2012	Theft - other - including theft by finding	10
2012	Theft from a shop	10
2013	Burglary other than dwelling - theft	10
2013	Assault by beating	10
2014	Section 18 - grievous bodily harm with intent	10

**Response 4:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested;

The youngest person charged was 10 years of age. The offence was theft other, including theft by finding.

**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.**

**Furthermore, it should also be noted that Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**