



Response Date:18/11/2024

2024/1050 - Special Constabulary Budget & Numbers 2024

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. Special Constable Numbers by Patrol Status - October 2024 Please provide the number of Special Constables serving in your force as of the end of October 2024. Where possible, please break this down into the number of APS/DPS Special Constables, and any QSC (irrespective of how many QSC stages have been completed). If your force has not adopted IL4SC, please denote how many officers are IPS or non-IPS.**

Oct 2024 Total Serving = 71

QSC = 5

DPS = 28

APS = 25

Phase1 = 13

Additionally, please note how many officers are currently restricted. If this is not possible due to FOI budgetary requirements, this can be omitted.

Unclear on the meaning 'restricted' in this context and this is not a term we recognise.

2. Comparison to 2019

Please provide the number of Special Constables (irrespective of patrol status or suspension) serving in your force either in October 2019, or at the closest point you can capture data from (please clarify the month where possible).

Oct 2019 Serving = 188

3. Use of DutySheet System

Please confirm if your force uses DutySheet, and if so, how much your force is paying DutySheet (this can be an estimated annual cost) for the Special Constabulary. Note this does not include Police Cadets, PSVs or any other DutySheet database.

Yes we use Duty Sheet.

The spend per annum is approximately £16,000

4. Budget for Special Constables

Please could you provide figures as to your annual budget for Special Constables forcewide for the 2024-25 financial year?

Due to the integrated operating model that exists within North Wales Police the Special Constabulary does not have a devolved or ringfenced budget that is readily quantifiable.

5. Estimated Cost Savings due to Special Constables If your force has them available, please provide the estimated cost savings your Special Constabulary provides to your force. Note, if the FOI request budget would not allow for this in hours taken to process this request, this question can be omitted.

We have no data that would enable this question to be answered. Our Special Constables provide additionality rather than cost savings.

6. Qualifications and specialty courses

Please provide information as to whether your force currently provides the following training courses to your Special Constables, and if so, what IL4SC (or patrol status) level is required to engage in the course:

As a matter of principle North Wales Police allows our Special Constables to attend any course, other than Firearms training, provided they are able to commit the time to attending the initial and ongoing refresher training and that there is an identified operational need. We normally ask that our SC officers achieve Directed Patrol Status before they attend any of the below listed training.

- **Standard Response** DPS
- **Advanced Response** DPS
- **Initial Phase Pursuit (IPP)** DPS
- **Taser** DPS plus national qualifying criteria
- **Method of Entry (forced entry, whether through lockpulling, enforcer or any other forced entry)** DPS
- **Public Order Level 3** DPS
- **Public Order Level 2** DPS

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