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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:22/03/2024

2024/292 - Offences by Police Officers against members of the public

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide a breakdown from 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal.)

1. How many incidents of verbal insults by Police Officers against members of the public have been reported (during the process of being arrested/after being arrested) ?

Clarification sought

The period in question amounts to 2641 complaints, which are further broken down into multiple allegations.

Since February 2020 we have adopted different National Factors that allow us to identify cases occurring during arrest / custody process and they narrow those cases down with two relevant factors which would be "Use of force" and "Impolite language and tone" or "Overbearing or harassing behaviours". Please could you consider refining your request to the factors/categories available?

Clarification received

Yes I am happy to refine my request to the following categories: "Use of force" and "Impolite language and tone" or "Overbearing or harassing behaviours".

2. How many incidents of GBH by Police Officers against members of the public have been reported (during the process of being arrested/after being arrested) ?

3. How many incidents of GBH and Verbal Insults by Police Officers towards people who have been held in a police cell, have been reported?

4. How many incidents of Verbal Comments of a sexual nature by Police Officers towards people held in police cells or during the process of being arrested, have been reported?

Details are supplied for complaints against the agreed format (above) for cases since 01/02/2020.

Categories are as follows - "Use of force" (B4) "Impolite language and tone" (H2) and "Overbearing or harassing behaviours" (H5).

	Arrest B4	Arrest H2	Arrest H5
2020	32	4	2
2021	27	1	2
2022	36	4	0
2023	40	4	1
2024	7	0	0

	Custody	Custody	Custody
	B4	H2	H5
2020	8	2	1
2021	6	3	1
2022	7	0	0
2023	5	1	1
2024	1	0	0

5. How many incidents of bullying or GBH against members of the public during or after being arrested, that have been reported, are still awaiting trial in a court of law?

1 (GBH) as bullying is not a criminal offence.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 18/03/2024