



Response Date:14/05/2024

2024/486 - PCSO Powers

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I have been told by someone who identified themselves online as "PCSO 9008" for North Wales Police that PCSOs are entitled to powers of arrest under certain circumstances however I do not believe this to be true and I am looking for some clarification on the matter

PCSO's don't have the statutory power of arrest under PACE84 Sec 24 - Schedule 3B of the Police Reform Act 2002 details excluded powers from designation under Section 38 which includes the power of arrest under PACE Sec 24 – but they do have the powers of arrest of a citizen under both common law and Section 24A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 07/05/2024