



Response Date: 27/11/2025

2025/1141 - Co-occurring alcohol and drug cases

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Our Wales team is currently undertaking research exploring the relationship between drink and drug driving, specifically how/whether they can co-occur, and we have noticed a lack of publicly available data concerning this.

Please therefore provide data for each of the last five calendar years (or financial years, if easier to extract) on drivers arrested or charged in the North Wales Police Force area for both drink-driving and drug-driving offences arising from the same incident - that is, where the same individual was found to be over the prescribed alcohol limit and also tested positive for one or more drugs during the same stop, collision, or investigation.

If held, please include the following details for each year:

- **The total number of such co-occurring alcohol and drug cases recorded.**
- **Where available, a breakdown by drug type (e.g. cannabis, cocaine, other).**
- **Whether figures reflect arrests, charges, or convictions (please specify which).**
- **A brief note on the data source or recording system used (e.g. custody records, Niche, PNC, or another local system).**

Method

The drink and drug drive arrest data is sourced from Niche RMS, specifically the custody record, for the period 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2024. Drug driving arrests include Section 5A and Section 4 arrests. Drink and drug drive arrests also contain arrests where a person has failed to provide a specimen. Data was exported into each arrest category (drink drive and drug drive) and a match statement formula was used on the custody reference to identify which occurrences involved offences.

Findings

The below table details the number of co-occurring drink and drug drive **arrests** by month and year.

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	6	3	3	7	6	25
February	6	5	6	5	6	28
March	4	2	4	7	7	24
April	3	6	5	4	4	22
May	10	4	3	4	5	26
June	6	5	5	4	6	26
July	11	3	6	9	3	32
August	7	2	5	10	5	29

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September	6	6	4	7	3	26
October	9	9	2	3	8	31
November	6	3	8	5	8	30
December	5	10	6	6	1	28
Grand Total	79	58	57	71	62	327

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 26/11/2025