



Response Date: 03/06/2025

2025/523 - Prison custody

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. How many defendants did North Wales Police recommend should be remanded by the courts into prison custody over the last 12 months? (April 2024-April 2025)**
- 2. With reference only to the two-week period of Monday 23rd September 2024 - Sunday 6th October 2024, please provide:**
 - a) The total number of defendants North Wales Police recommended should be remanded into prison custody (i.e. via the MG7 form)**
 - b) Out of those defendants the police recommended should be remanded in custody, how many were actually remanded into custody by the courts?**
 - c) Please provide this data broken down by:**
 - i) the relevant reasons for opposing bail (as selected on the MG7 form) and**
 - ii) the most serious offence the defendant was charged with.**

I understand that the data to question (2) is usually stored within individual custody records. To prevent this request causing an undue burden upon staff, if there is a very large quantity of remands sent to court within these two weeks, please limit the answer to this request to the first 100 defendants from that period. Using a previous estimate from South Wales Police that each custody record will take 2 minutes to interrogate (FOI 594/25), I believe this should require approximately 3.5 hours work.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Different Forces use different recording systems, therefore the time taken to locate the information requested will be different per force.

We extracted all occurrences where an MG7 form application has been submitted with a report time between 01/04/24 to 31/03/25. This resulted in 64 occurrences. These have then been manually checked to establish if the form related to Police Custody or prison Custody. 35 were Police Custody and 29 to court for custody. Other information is located in arrest records or Occurrence Enquiry logs.

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Offence Category Description	HO Description	Remanded into custody by the courts	Reasons for opposing bail					Other Detail
			Would Fail to surrender to Custody Inc NFA	Would Commit offences whilst on Bail	Would Interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice	Risk of further Domestic abuse or any other risk of Physical or mental injury to persons associated with the defendant	For the defendants own protection	
Controlling and Coercive Behaviour	Engage in controlling-coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship	the reason why bail cancelled is matter has been NFA		*				The defendant has a history of breaching his bail conditions and other conditions which is put in place to protect people
Other Offences (Against The State And Public Order)	Breach SHPO / interim SHPO / SOPO / interim SOPO / Foreign travel order or fail to comply with a requirement under Sec 103 D (4) in relation to a SHPO	the reason why bail cancelled is the DP is remanded		*				The defendant is a registered sex offender for child sex offences and is on licence,

Harassment	Breach of a restraining order	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence	*	*		*		The suspect has a history of failing to appear at appointment times for bail hearing
Theft From A Vehicle	Theft from a motor vehicle.	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence		*				The defendant is currently on Bail for similar offences which are not ready for a charging decision and has committed this offence whilst these bail conditions stood.
Harassment	Breach of conditions of injunction against harassment	Male charged, remanded and has appeared before Crown Court.		*	*	*		Has breached the restraining order twice
Harassment	Harassment	re-bailed		*				The defendant has been arrested for harassment, stalking and malicious communications offences. <i>The defendant has ignored bail conditions</i>

Shoplifting	Theft from shops and stalls.	DP is prolific. Likely to get a custodial. Potential recall. DP will be remanded to court	*	*				The Defendant is currently of NFA. The Defendant has a large number convictions for Theft and kindred offences. The defendant has previously committed offences while on bail
Assault with injury	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Charged and remanded to court		*	*	*		Following his release from custody with bail conditions not to contact the victim directly or indirectly, the defendant has sent a string of text messages to the victim
Assault with injury	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	authorised further detention for the purpose of securing or preserving evidence	*					Fail to appear. Currently wanted for a previous fail to appear for another offence.

Shoplifting	Theft from shops and stalls.	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence - conveyed to court	*	*				Defendant has previously failed to attend at court and to answer for bail in custody. Defendant has previously committed offences whilst on bail and on licences.
Shoplifting	Theft from shops and stalls.	handed to escort - transfer to court	*	*				The DP is a well known individual with numerous offences and it is believed that should he be released on bail that he would not surrender himself to custody or to any court dates issued. The DP is well known to NWP with a significant history of similar offences
Robbery Of Personal Property	Robbery of personal property	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence	*	*				... has previously FTA to answer police bail at custody and also FTA at court appearances.

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Assault Without Injury	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	handed to escort - transfer to court	*	*		*		There are three different incidents, with three independent witnesses to the incident all within the one incident.
Attempted Burglary – Business and community	Attempted Burglary Business and Community	transferred to court		*				Defendant has extensive criminal history, including offences of a similar nature. The defendant does have previous for offending on bail and breaching bail conditions. It is strongly believed that if defendant was granted bail then he would commit further offences.

Assault with injury	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	handed to escort	*	*		*		The defendant has a history of failing to attend, The defendant has an extensive history of violent offending, including domestic related. The defendant has been the perpetrator of other violent offences since this incident with different victims,
Murder	Murder - of persons aged 1 year or over	bail conditions authorised		*			*	... has been charged with the murder
Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	Persistently make use of public communication network to cause annoyance inconvenience anxiety recordable	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence		*		*		has committed offences of threats to kill and harassment whilst on police bail for the same offences with the same victim.

Shoplifting	Theft from shops and stalls.	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence		*				The defendant is homeless and Flintshire County Council have refused all housing. He wants to go back to prison so that he does not have to sleep outside in the cold. He plans on committing offences until he is sent to prison.
Shoplifting	Theft from shops and stalls.	handed to escort	*	*				The defendant in this case has an appalling offending history. He is a prolific offender with an extensive PNC history.
Handling Stolen Goods	Receiving stolen goods	on remand in prison	*	*	*			... has previous offences for failing to comply with court orders, community orders and a previous conviction for escaping lawful custody. It is believed he would not adhere to any bail conditions placed upon him and his crime wave would continue.

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Residential Burglary of a Home	Residential Burglary of a Home	continued detention is authorised in order to secure attendance at the next available court in relation to the offence		*	*	*		Has been located and arrested by officers for this breach at the location of the victims address, he has breached court conditions and a DVPO at this time, this shows that the defendant is willing and capable of committing offences whilst on bail.
Shoplifting	Theft from shops and stalls.	handed to escort	*	*				THE SUSPECT HAS HAD NUMEROUS FAIL TO APPEAR WARRANTS ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST HAVING FAILED TO ATTEND COURT. THE SUSPECT ALSO HAS NUMEROUS FAIL TO ANSWER BAIL WARNINGS.

Possession Of Controlled Drugs Excluding Cannabis	Possession of Heroin (class A drug)	the reason why this RUI has been cancelled is NFA	*	*				Prolific offender who is a risk to the public.
Child Abduction	Abduction of child by other persons	Bailed - RUI			*		*	
Harassment	Breach of a restraining order	handed to escort	*	*		*		Defendant is currently wanted for FTA and Failure to Comply with Post Supervision Order. The offence under investigation is one of breach a restraining order as such there is a high likely chance that any Bail Conditions imposed would also be breached. Restraining Order impose after domestic incidents, concern raised of coercion clear breach of conditions imposed to protect the victim.
Possession Of Controlled Drugs Excluding Cannabis	Possession of Cocaine (class A drug)	unconditional bail to attend court		*				would commit offences whilst on bail - Has previous intelligence and reports to the police about him having weapons on his person.

Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	handed to escort	*	*				The defendant has a well-documented history whereby he has failed to appear either court or custody. It is highly unlikely that he would adhere to any bail conditions or restrictions imposed upon him.
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