



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2025/587 – Training

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I admit that I am unsure what you mean when you say that you do not cost how much you spend on different types of training courses.

As a Force we capture our total investment in training together with what training has been attended and delivered but we do not break the costs down on a course-by-course basis. In terms of restraints and incapacitant sprays my understanding is that they do not feature as a course but feature as part of a course.

In that case, could you possibly tell me how many hours your officers spend on training with:

- 1. Tasers**
- 2. Restraints**
- 3. Incapacitant sprays**

Before they are considered certified to deploy these types of equipment in the field?

Taser.

Initial taser training is 24 hours (3 x 8 hour days). There is then 1 days (8 hours) training a year to maintain authority. Officers have to demonstrate competence to retain the authority to carry.

Restraints.

PEQF PPST is 64 hours (8 x 8 hour days) but it's not possible to assign a number of hours to handcuffing or restraints because these skills are repeatedly drilled throughout the course. Again, officers have to demonstrate competence to pass this course. Officers then have to demonstrate competency on an annual basis

Incapacitant sprays.

As per restraints this is included in the PEQF PPST course and it's not possible to give the amount of hours it's trained because it's drilled in scenarios etc.

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