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GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:19/08/2025

2025/822 - Headlight Glare and Related Penalties

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This request relates to growing public concern over headlight glare and road safety, including reports of dazzling headlights and possible misuse of over-bright or misaligned lighting (such as LED conversions).

For each calendar year from 2020 through to the most recent available data in 2025, please provide:

A. The number of road traffic collisions recorded where the contributing factor was:
"Dazzling headlights"
"Headlight glare"
Or any similar wording used in your reporting system

Method

The injury road traffic collision (RTC) data is sourced from the Home Office Stats19 returns for the period of 01/01/2020 – 31/07/2025. Please note that 2024 and 2025 data is considered provisional, therefore subject to change. The data was then refined to collisions with a causation factor of 705: Dazzling headlights.

Findings

Year	Collisions	Casualties
2020	1 slight	1 slight
2021	2 slight	2 slight
2022	3 slight	5 slight
2023	2 serious, 3 slight	2 serious, 6 slight
2024	0	0
2025	0	0

B. The number of:
Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)
Verbal warnings
Or other enforcement actions
issued for offences involving:
Headlights being too bright or dazzling
Use of non-compliant, aftermarket, or misaligned headlights

Please see the table below which shows the number of headlight/light offences.

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

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VDR- is a vehicle defect rectification- which means the driver has to get the issue fixed
 Non endorsable notice - means a fixed penalty was issued and the offence doesn't carry points

NOTICE_TYPE	CCCJS_ OFFENCE_ CODE	CCCJS_OFFENCE_DESC	OFFENCE_ DATETIME
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	15/01/2022 21:25
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	26/12/2023 20:45
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	09/08/2020 15:30
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	17/10/2020 01:30
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	07/04/2021 22:43
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	12/03/2022 22:29
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	02/06/2022 10:04
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	27/06/2023 19:58
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89151	Use a motor vehicle on a road when the vehicle hazard warning signal device was misused	08/04/2020 00:57
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89151	Use a motor vehicle on a road when the vehicle hazard warning signal device was misused	06/05/2024 21:38
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	12/07/2020 02:13
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	12/07/2020 04:49
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	23/01/2021 01:06
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	02/02/2021 16:48
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	21/10/2021 02:20

Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	22/01/2022 12:50
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	28/03/2022 21:50
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	19/04/2022 22:25
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	24/07/2022 00:00
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	07/11/2022 18:15
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	01/02/2023 22:23
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	22/08/2023 23:25
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	18/11/2023 23:30
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	09/06/2024 23:42
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	10/08/2024 22:45
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	04/10/2024 05:20
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	25/01/2025 18:25
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89178	Use a vehicle on a road when the rear fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	23/02/2020 19:45
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89178	Use a vehicle on a road when the rear fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	04/11/2024 17:55
Non Endorsable Notice	RL89178	Use a vehicle on a road when the rear fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	04/03/2025 17:10
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	26/06/2020 00:50
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	28/06/2020 00:16
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	19/12/2020 12:54

VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	26/01/2021 21:33
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	14/03/2023 15:50
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	12/08/2023 20:23
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	14/12/2023 23:40
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	16/12/2023 01:35
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	22/12/2023 23:49
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	23/12/2023 00:39
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	11/01/2024 01:14
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	19/01/2024 17:30
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	15/02/2024 14:43
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	02/03/2024 20:45
VDRS Notice	RL89076	Use vehicle on a road with front / rear position lamps obscured	24/03/2024 21:16
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	26/01/2020 01:10
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	22/02/2020 11:45
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	03/05/2020 20:30
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	01/07/2020 13:22
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	13/07/2020 00:20
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	20/08/2020 21:46
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	28/09/2020 20:46
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	10/11/2020 20:39
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	10/11/2020 21:21
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	05/12/2020 20:58
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	23/01/2021 13:10
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	31/01/2021 14:00
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VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	18/02/2021 17:51
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	17/03/2021 21:22
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VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	13/04/2022 22:37
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	03/05/2022 11:12
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	22/06/2022 10:08
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VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	30/10/2022 10:25
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VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	06/07/2023 23:28

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VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	08/12/2023 01:05
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	11/12/2023 15:01
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	30/01/2024 09:17
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	15/02/2024 09:02
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	02/03/2024 23:00
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VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	18/01/2025 22:05
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	31/01/2025 23:54
VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	04/02/2025 21:51

VDRS Notice	RL89079	Use a vehicle with optional lights not working	13/05/2025 19:59
VDRS Notice	RL89171	Use a motor vehicle on a road where the aim of the headlamp beam was used to cause undue dazzle / discomfort	24/10/2020 22:00
VDRS Notice	RL89171	Use a motor vehicle on a road where the aim of the headlamp beam was used to cause undue dazzle / discomfort	04/05/2021 00:18
VDRS Notice	RL89176	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used to cause dazzle / discomfort	10/05/2021 21:52
VDRS Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	21/10/2021 02:20
VDRS Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	25/11/2023 20:00
VDRS Notice	RL89177	Use a vehicle on a road when the front fog lamp(s) were used and visibility not seriously reduced / vehicle parked	04/10/2024 05:20

C. If available, the number of formal public complaints or reports relating to headlight glare or dangerously bright headlights.

We have conducted a search of events that contain the words 'Blinded', 'Dazzled', 'Dazzling' and such terms that may indicate that a report has been made of dazzling headlights. We have limited the Event Type on I/CAD events searched to Road Related offences and RTC's. We have then manually reviewed each I/CAD to confirm that this is the case :

2020 – 2
2021 – 1
2022 – 1
2023 – 4
2024 – 4
2025 – 2

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 15/08/2025