



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 28/01/2026

2026/094 - Violence at semi-professional/amateur football matches

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am looking into the prevalence of violence at semi professional and amateur football matches. This would cover matches from step 6 (Conference South/North) down to regional divisions, and amateur leagues.

I would like to request data relating to recorded incidents at football matches hosted within your force area, for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

I would be grateful if you could provide:

The number of recorded incidents at football grounds/parks/pitches on match days classified as:

Assault (including common assault and ABH/GBH)

Public order offences

Violent disorder

Any other violence-related offences

I'd also like to please be provided with:

The number of arrests made in connection with semi-pro/amateur football matches in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (with the figures provided separately for each year)

Where possible, a breakdown of:

How many of the incidents involved players (rather than spectators, for example), and how many involved match officials.

Where the incidents took place and any details of exactly what happened (but only if this is possible)

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain all the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system to establish the detail. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

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Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

We have searched for all occurrences where the occurrence summary includes 'football' or the occurrence address includes 'football'. We cannot confirm if these took place on match day.

Reported Date	Calendar Year	Offence HO Group1	HO Code	HO Description	Arrested Flag
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N

Apr-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
May-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
May-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
May-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
May-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
May-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Jun-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
May-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N
May-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N

May-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N
Jul-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N
Jul-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N
Jul-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N
Jul-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N
Aug-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Aug-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N

Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Aug-21	2021	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	N
Sep-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N

Sep-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N

Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N

Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Sep-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	N
Sep-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	N
Sep-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	N
Oct-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Oct-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Oct-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Oct-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N

Oct-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
Nov-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Nov-21	2021	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	Y
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	Y
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	Y
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	Y
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N

Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Nov-21	2021	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Nov-21	2021	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Jan-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	008/55	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Y
Jan-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	008/55	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Y
Jan-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	008/55	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Y
Jan-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	008/55	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Y

Jan-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	Y
Jan-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	Y
Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N

Feb-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Feb-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Feb-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Feb-22	2022	01. VAP	008/02	Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy	N
Mar-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Mar-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Mar-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Mar-22	2022	01. VAP	195/94	Harassment	N
Mar-22	2022	01. VAP	195/94	Harassment	N
Mar-22	2022	01. VAP	195/94	Harassment	N
Apr-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N

Apr-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
May-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
May-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
May-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N

Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Jun-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Aug-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Aug-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Aug-22	2022	01. VAP	195/94	Harassment	N
Aug-22	2022	01. VAP	195/94	Harassment	N
Sep-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Sep-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/09	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Sec 4A)	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	066/91	Racially or religiously aggravated fear or provocation of violence	Y

Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	066/91	Racially or religiously aggravated fear or provocation of violence	Y
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	066/91	Racially or religiously aggravated fear or provocation of violence	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	066/91	Racially or religiously aggravated fear or provocation of violence	N
Oct-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Oct-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Oct-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Oct-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N

Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
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Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	N
Oct-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Oct-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Oct-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	066/01	Affray	N

Nov-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	N
Nov-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	N
Nov-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/11	Fear or provocation of violence (Sec 4)	N
Nov-22	2022	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Dec-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Dec-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Dec-22	2022	01. VAP	105/01	Common assault and battery (Violence without injury)	N
Dec-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Dec-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N

Dec-22	2022	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	N
Jan-23	2023	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y
Jan-23	2023	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y
Jan-23	2023	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y
Jan-23	2023	01. VAP	008/06A	Sec 47. Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y
Jan-23	2023	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	Y
Jan-23	2023	13. Public Order Offences	125/82	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.	Y
Feb-23	2023	01. VAP	003/01	Threats to kill	N
Feb-23	2023	01. VAP	003/01	Threats to kill	N
Feb-23	2023	01. VAP	003/01	Threats to kill	N
Feb-23	2023	01. VAP	003/01	Threats to kill	N
Feb-23	2023	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N

Feb-23	2023	13. Public Order Offences	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress Public Order Act 1986 Sec 5	N
Feb-23	2023	01. VAP	005/01E	Sec 18. Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Y

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