



**HEDDLU  
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NORTH WALES  
POLICE**

Response Date: 29/06/2026

**2026/663 - Misconduct/gross misconduct**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**Please could you provide details on the following for the timeframe of 01/02/2020 to 24/06/2026.**

**1. How many use of force complaints have been escalated to misconduct/gross misconduct**

- a) 16/10/2020 - Misconduct Meeting
- b) 01/06/2021 - Gross Misconduct Hearing
- c) 18/08/2023 - Misconduct Meeting

**2. For the incidents point 1 applies to, what are the circumstances**

- a) On the 1st of December 2019, the complainant was approached by police officers and arrested, during which he was taken to the floor and "punched to the face at least twice", resulting in a black eye, cuts to his left eyebrow and grazing to his left cheek.
- b) 1) Complainant was requested to remove his clothing whilst at custody. When he refused, he was sprayed with Captor spray, placed in a headlock and three officers forcibly removed his clothing.  
2) The complainant was sprayed by a male officer whilst stood at the opposite end of the cell in a manner where he did not feel that he was presenting any threat, which he felt was inappropriate. The complainant was sprayed a second time whilst stood on his bed, he accepts that he had threatened to "smash" his own head, but an explanation from the officer to explain the spraying wrongly stated that he was spitting.  
3) The complainant was banging his head on the cell wall and as such was warned by officers that he would be "sprayed" for his own protection, which he feels was inappropriate as he was not displaying any violence. The complainant believes that the officer used a "full can of spray" and he received no aftercare following the use of spray and equally received no medical attention for his head injury, caused by him banging his head on the cell wall.  
4) The complainant was sprayed by a male officer whilst stood at the custody desk after banging his head on the desk in frustration, he received minimal aftercare advice following the use of spray and felt his treatment was unjustified and inappropriate.  
5) The complainant was sprayed by a male officer whilst trying to block the sink in his cell and then told by the officer "Carry on like that and I'll come and batter you. All of us will come in and batter you". He received minimal aftercare advice following the use of spray and as such he felt his treatment was inappropriate.  
6) The complainant was banging his head on the cell wall and as such was warned by officers that he would be "sprayed" for his own protection, which he feels was inappropriate as he was not displaying any violence. The complainant believes that the officer used a "full can of

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spray" and he received no aftercare following the use of spray and equally received no medical attention for his head injury, caused by him banging his head on the cell wall.

7) The complainant was banging his head on the cell wall and as such was warned by officers that he would be "sprayed", thereafter he was sprayed, which he feels was inappropriate as he was not displaying any violence and he received no aftercare advice following the use of spray.

8) The complainant states that between 4 and 7 officers were present in the cell which humiliated him and after requesting that they give him a "second" to comply, he was thrown to the ground by two officers and sprayed, despite the fact that he did not feel that he was presenting any threat. He received minimal aftercare advice following the use of spray and as such he felt his treatment was inappropriate.

9) The complainant was sprayed by a male officer after completing a call to her mother at a point where she was shouting to her ex-partner who was in a cell nearby; she was not given any warning and did not feel that she presented any threat to the officer at the time. She received minimal aftercare advice following the use of spray and felt her treatment was inappropriate.

10) The complainant was sprayed through the cell hatch on three separate occasions within the space of approximately an hour, he received minimal aftercare advice following the use of spray and felt his treatment was unjustified and inappropriate.

- c) The complainant alleges that on 12th September 2022 he was outside his home address when he was approached by a male PC and in respect of that interaction raises the following areas of complaint: The male applied a handcuff to the complainant's right forearm despite confirming that he was not under arrest at the time.

**3) What were the outcomes of the closed investigations e.g. dismissed, final written warning etc**

- a) Proven – Management Action
- b) One allegation (not subject of a complaint) proven as Misconduct and Final Written Warning issued.
- c) Not proven.

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