



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:11/09/2026

2026/878 - Alcohol recorded as a primary factor

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following for your Force, for each of the last three financial years (2023/24–2025/26):

- 1. Number of incidents where alcohol was recorded as a primary factor (i.e. directly caused the incident, e.g. drunk and disorderly, alcohol-related assault), and number where it was a secondary/contributing factor (e.g. noted as present in a domestic incident, ASB, or road traffic incident where it wasn't the primary offence).**
- 2. The same primary/secondary breakdown for illicit drugs and, where distinguishable, misused prescription medication.**
- 3. Of the incidents at points 1–2, the number that resulted in an arrest.**
- 4. What system/field captures this (e.g. incident markers, qualifier codes, free-text logs) — and if points 1–2 aren't held in that exact form, please instead provide incident counts for the closest matching incident/qualifier codes (e.g. alcohol-related, drug-related, intoxicated person).**

Please see the tables below. Please note that;

1. Data is based on Occurrences from our Record Management System (Niche RMS)
2. Arrest is based on the presence of a nominal with "Arrest" status; this may not be accurately recorded for some non-crime types and for occurrences involving minors.
3. Primary flag is based on Home Office Description containing "Alcohol", "Drunk" or "Drug".
Secondary flag is based on NICL and LOCAL qualifiers.

	Primary	Secondary
2023	172	5473
2024	165	4910
2025	127	5224

Occurrences where Alcohol is directly involved in the incident (Primary) or a contributing factor (Secondary)

	Primary	Secondary
2023	157	2242
2024	157	2316
2025	110	2460

Occurrences where Alcohol is directly involved in the incident (Primary) or a contributing factor (Secondary) and at least 1 involved individual is listed as Arrested

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	Primary	Secondary
2023	1321	1232
2024	1663	1150
2025	1919	1381

Occurrences where Drugs are directly involved in the incident (Primary) or a contributing factor (Secondary)

	Primary	Secondary
2023	515	441
2024	639	422
2025	643	600

Occurrences where Drugs are directly involved in the incident (Primary) or a contributing factor (Secondary) and at least 1 involved individual is listed as Arrested

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