



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:23/04/2026

2026/378 - Roadside drink driving and drug driving

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Roadside breath tests (alcohol) - monthly data For each month from January 2015 to December 2025, please provide:

- * The number of roadside breath tests conducted
- * Of those, the number that resulted in:
 - * A positive result
 - * A refusal/failure to provide a sample

2. Roadside drug wipe tests (saliva tests) - monthly data For each month from January 2015 to December 2025, please provide:

- * The number of roadside drug wipe tests conducted
- * Of those, the number that resulted in:
 - * A positive result
 - * A refusal/failure to provide a sample

3. Arrests - monthly data

For each month from January 2015 to December 2025, please provide:

- * The number of arrests following:
 - * A positive roadside breath test
 - * A positive roadside drug wipe test
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The drink and drug drive arrest data is sourced from Niche, specifically the custody record, for the period 01/01/2015 – 31/12/2025.

The roadside drugs wipe data has been collated from the arrest summary of Section 5A arrests.

The roadside breathalyser data is collated via the drager access database from 01/01/2022-31/10/2023. The database is up to date with tests that have been downloaded up to December 2023.

Findings

1.a. The number of roadside breath tests conducted

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Jan	1333	1183	884	1262	1032	943	53	623	193	7506
Feb	1110	755	984	1107	913	888	175	428	362	6722
Mar	1213	832	1042	839	1322	679	514	398	489	7328
Apr	1307	845	1100	1061	826	570	479	503	251	6942
May	1434	1358	1070	1100	800	661	626	714	234	7997

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Jun	5977	4002	2300	1150	944	546	793	500	111	16323
Jul	1237	2280	1203	975	933	528	623	364	69	8212
Aug	1787	1103	1352	853	1285	565	553	490	153	8141
Sep	1207	957	1160	790	591	431	542	327	264	6269
Oct	915	1222	859	990	978	393	514	278	226	6375
Nov	1159	1046	939	964	1180	1040	452	290		7070
Dec	10056	10844	3412	3729	3647	1357	973	977		34995
Total	28735	26427	16305	14820	14451	8601	6297	5892	2352	123880

1.b. Number of failed/positive breath tests

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Jan	202	237	112	350	202	269	14	129	18	1533
Feb	173	177	206	329	95	293	21	79	72	1445
Mar	199	151	315	222	396	236	42	60	131	1752
Apr	352	268	317	300	137	190	55	119	55	1793
May	356	422	284	303	122	141	128	263	36	2055
Jun	311	383	333	323	173	59	138	137	28	1885
Jul	209	310	334	157	224	74	95	67	17	1487
Aug	484	312	405	150	328	74	66	74	32	1925
Sep	296	215	327	192	86	61	73	61	30	1341
Oct	149	345	156	256	176	105	88	62	29	1366
Nov	209	227	168	172	303	309	59	37		1484
Dec	270	469	539	511	671	156	57	42		2715
Total	3210	3516	3496	3265	2913	1967	836	1130	448	20781

1.c. The number of refusals/failure to provide a breath test

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Jan	2	3		5	1	5		1		17
Feb	2		3		2	2		1	2	12
Mar	3	1	2	2	1	1				10
Apr		3	1	1	4	1	1			11
May	2	3	1	5	2	1	1	2		17
Jun	4	4	4	3	1	2	1	1		20
Jul	3	7	3	3	2	1	2	1		22
Aug	4	5	2	2	4	1	1	1		20
Sep	4	2	2	1		1	2	1	1	14
Oct	1	4	1	6	3				2	17
Nov		4	2	2	8	2	1	1		20
Dec	23	29	5	6	1	7	2			73
Total	48	65	26	36	29	24	11	9	5	253

2.a. The number of drugs wipes conducted is not recorded by North Wales Police.

2.b. The number of positive roadside drug wipes

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
January		25	31	54	62	94	83	59	89	81	108	777
February		16	50	60	63	87	102	55	68	84	105	741
March	8	20	34	62	101	84	100	69	86	98	111	773
April	10	26	40	48	71	117	90	61	67	83	104	717
May	8	41	44	68	73	122	81	68	70	95	97	767
June	8	37	58	60	80	158	56	62	60	92	95	766
July	8	23	47	60	87	135	67	73	82	104	97	783
August	15	40	53	55	70	112	50	66	70	75	117	723
September	17	23	47	46	86	79	60	54	66	81	87	646
October	13	28	62	55	108	95	65	67	61	86	94	734
November	14	31	70	55	112	66	58	78	79	106	97	766
December	32	53	53	77	89	75	70	81	83	103	119	835
Total	133	363	589	700	1002	1224	882	793	881	1088	1231	9028

2.c. The number of fail to provide drug wipes

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
January				1								1
February					1					3	1	5
March									1	1	2	4
April					1				2	1	2	6
May									1		1	2
June					1		1			1	1	4
July				1				1			2	4
August												0
September									1		1	2
October							1		1	1		3
November								2		1		3
December				1			1	1	1	1	2	7
Total	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	4	7	9	12	41

3.a. The number of arrests following a positive roadside breath test

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
January	53	67	42	60	48	53	30	53	76	52	54	588
February	60	69	63	58	68	64	50	60	74	53	60	679
March	73	57	54	55	72	57	37	62	80	60	57	664
April	63	51	75	74	71	52	42	60	61	82	72	703
May	83	84	62	71	67	58	65	85	74	62	61	772
June	81	59	65	83	79	47	53	78	62	50	55	712
July	85	71	87	90	93	74	73	72	92	63	69	869
August	68	69	95	88	87	71	61	85	85	69	65	843
September	71	72	81	61	73	65	64	67	64	57	66	741
October	71	82	55	69	81	74	72	60	69	70	81	784
November	69	65	65	80	85	73	61	82	57	71	57	765

December	74	85	76	75	91	44	100	58	72	53	56	784
Total	851	831	820	864	915	732	708	822	866	742	753	8904

3.b. The number of arrests following a positive roadside drugs wipe

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan		21	29	48	55	90	71	54	83	75	106	632
Feb		13	48	55	59	81	94	48	62	84	109	653
Mar	4	20	32	58	98	78	96	63	81	94	109	733
Apr	7	26	39	44	61	109	85	57	65	81	108	682
May	6	38	40	63	64	112	76	57	60	89	96	701
Jun	8	36	58	57	71	147	52	54	53	83	90	709
Jul	7	23	44	55	83	129	58	68	78	100	92	737
Aug	15	40	48	50	62	101	49	57	67	76	116	681
Sep	15	21	43	44	81	73	55	48	64	79	86	609
Oct	10	27	55	51	102	92	64	59	52	86	94	692
Nov	13	33	63	51	105	59	56	73	75	102	100	730
Dec	27	49	50	67	80	65	68	73	73	98	118	768
Total	112	347	549	643	921	1136	824	711	813	1047	1224	8327

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 17/04/2026