

During the meeting on 19 March 2015, South Wales Police agreed to provide the Committee with figures on:

- the number of arrests and/or offences where alcohol was a contributory factor; and
- figures on call demand and incident demand over a given week.

The Committee has received the following information:

Dyfed- Powys- February 2014 to January 2015

	Total Reported Occurrences	Occurrences with Arrests
All Occurrences		
Drug Related		1,683
Alcohol Related		1,109
Drug and Alcohol Related	2,512	2,148

Random week selected – 3rd – 9th November 2014

Priority	Total incidents	Alcohol related	Drugs related	Alcohol & Drugs related	% Alcohol & Drugs related
Priority 1	497	58	13	71	14.30%
Priority 2	610	34	14	48	7.90%
Total	1,107	92	27	119	10.70%

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Gwent- February 2014 to January 2015

	Total no. of arrests and/or offences
Drug Related	1760
Alcohol Related	1797

Despite looking into the request for figures on call demand and incident demand over a given week Gwent's Niche administrator has highlights some of the difficulties:

There is no obvious location on the custody record to record this other than free text fields that we would have to search for the word 'alcohol', 'drug' etc.

The custody risk assessment contains questions regarding whether the person has consumed alcohol or has a dependency, but this doesn't necessarily indicate that alcohol/drugs were a contributing factor to the arrest.

The occurrence MO and/or Stats Classification could potentially also contain this information but I'm aware this is not always the case and it is not always recorded.

To include results for all of the above locations would require the complication of several searches, the results wouldn't produce a very reliable report and would require extensive cleaning up before it could be disseminated.

This is an example of one of the more obvious locations on the occurrence to record this information. This can currently only be completed by the Crime Management Unit. There are 3148 Gwent occurrences where substance use has been recorded on the Stats Class as shown below.

Reporting on occurrences where this has been recorded would be relatively simple but I suspect would only tell half a story.

North Wales- February 2014 to January 2015

	Recorded	Occurrences with Arrests
Drug Related	433	999
Alcohol Related	3,187	1,487
Drug and Alcohol Related	239	165

Incidents in a given week

Fiscal Year Week	Incident Code	No of Incidents
2014/43	0- Emergency Response	752
2014/43	1- Prompt Response	1370
	Sum:	2122

Fiscal Year Week	NSIRTAG Description	No. of Incidents
2014/43	Alcohol	1
2014/43	Drugs	4

There were 2122 incidents reported in the 43rd week of 2014. Only 5 incidents were tagged on the electronic system as being alcohol or drug related. As per the caveat below this is very unlikely to be a true representation of incidents involving alcohol and substance misuse; however these are the results and it is not practical to review each incident individual. Having spoken to North Wales the tagging system has recently changed to make searching in future easier.

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South Wales- February 2014 to January 2015

	Total Reported Occurrences	Total Reported Occurrences %	Occurrences with Arrests	Occurrences with Arrests %
All Occurrences	406,664	406,664	28,780	28,780
Drug Related	12,278	3.0%	2,335	8.1%
Alcohol Related	29,938	7.4%	7,652	26.6%
Drug and Alcohol Related	2,303	0.6%	528	1.8%

Total Arrests	Total Arrests %
32,667	32,667
2,818	8.6%
8,409	25.7%
568	1.7%

The above relate to arrests involving alcohol, drugs and alcohol and drugs. As you will see there is a difference in the occurrences with arrests and total arrest columns. The reason for this being e.g. a car may be stopped and 4 persons arrested for drugs, the occurrence with arrest will only count as 1 however the total arrests will be 4.

Random week selected – 25th- 31st January 2015

G1s	G2s	G3s	G4s	No grade	Grand Total
1,585	2,052	2,349	878	40	6,904

PSC 999	PSC 999 s/board	PSC Bluelight	PSC English	PSC Welsh	PSC 390	PSC non select	PSC officer	PSC 0500	Grand Total
2,840	25	899	7,714	19	458	685	1,528	5	14,173

The above table shows the number of way in which calls were received. Part of the reason for the difference between the 2 tables would be because not all calls would result in a new occurrence being created (such as calls for updates by members of the public, calls to update existing occurrences by officers etc). However, as the figures are based on the total calls received, not every call would have been answered (for example, of the 7,714 PSC English Calls, 7,647 or 99.1% were answered)

It has not been possible to break the figures down further (into alcohol/ substance misuse) for the same reasons highlighted by North Wales.

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