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Thirteen North Wales police have a criminal record

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THIRTEEN serving police officers in North Wales have criminal convictions, it has been revealed.

In response to a Freedom of Information enquiry North Wales Police have reported that **six of the convictions occurred before the officers joined** the regional force, the other seven since doing so.

Three of the 13 are sergeants, whose convictions are for assault, common assault and possession of a controlled drug. The constables' offences range from speeding and owning a dangerous dog to being drunk and disorderly, forgery and a data protection offence.

Since 2004 one sergeant has been dismissed – for assault – and three constables.

It has also been revealed that 10 serving members of civilian staff have criminal convictions, seven of them having been recorded since joining the Force.

Three were convicted of driving with excess alcohol, two for speeding and the others for assault, breach of the peace, causing criminal damage and theft.

In November the Force had 1,581 police officers and 1,010 civilian staff.

The PPP comments We don't understand the purpose of this FOI request and just quoting the numbers doesn't really help. We believe that certain types of crime rule out being recruited to the force or continuing as a member of the force. Any serious violence, class A drug use or dealing, robbery, sex offences, and abuse of police powers or data access would fall into this category and produce major conflicts of interest.

As NWPF, via the UNHOLY ALLIANCE Arrive Alive, have prosecuted numbers equivalent to the whole driving population of North Wales, speeding makes them part of the majority. 14 offenders out of a workforce of 2600 doesn't seem serious enough for us to be concerned. We also believe that being a victim of crime is a debilitating experience but, because of our high expectations, so is being a victim of the abuse of their powers or position by the police including, extreme arrogance & bullying, gross incompetence & negligence. These issues are of vastly greater concern to the PPP and are reflected by our numerous articles under POLICE MANAGEMENT.