



**ACTION VISION ZERO**

Supporting campaigns to end road danger and traffic harm

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##### Introduction

Action Vision Zero is committed to reducing road danger and traffic harm. This includes increasing the transparency and understanding of how the justice system holds drivers to account for putting others in danger. Here we summarise the court prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences in a police service area over the last five years (2015-2020), with a comparison to England and Wales (E&W). See below for:

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##### Court prosecutions and convictions (2015-2020)

Total prosecutions fell by 30% to 5,801 and convictions fell by 26% to 5,323, compared to decreases of 20% and 17% in E&W

We are concerned that sober dangerous driving is rarely prosecuted and so have compared it with drink and drug driving below.

- Drink driving prosecutions fell by 37% to 283, compared to a 26% decrease in E&W
- Drug driving prosecutions rose by 3,625% to 298, compared to an 837% increase for E&W
- Dangerous driving prosecutions fell by 6% to 17, compared to an 11% increase in E&W
- Speeding prosecutions fell by 17% to 2,695, compared to a 7% decrease in E&W
- Careless driving prosecutions fell by 30% to 195, compared to a 35% decrease in E&W

##### Driving bans

We have included an analysis of driving bans given in the local police service area. With only 1% of those convicted at court of motoring offences in E&W going to prison, disqualifications are key to removing unsafe drivers from our roads.

But driving bans are mainly used where they are mandatory, e.g. drink/drug driving. Disqualifications are very rarely given to those convicted at court of speeding or careless driving, where they are optional. This is despite these cases being the more serious as most speeding and careless drivers are sanctioned out of court.

- 669 sentences (13%) for motoring offences resulted in a ban, compared to 13% E&W
- Sentences for drink/drug driving included 546 (96%) bans, all for a year or longer
- 17 (0.7%) sentences for speeding resulted in a ban, compared to 2% in E&W
- 3 (2%) sentences for careless driving included a ban, compared to 5% in E&W
- Bans given were 6 months or less for 100% of speeding and 100% of careless driving bans

##### Action Vision Zero calls

1. Dangerous driving and careless driving to be police priorities. This would result in more detections, as seen by drink and drug driving, which are already police priorities.
2. More unsafe unimpaired drivers to be banned. This should include those summoned to court for extreme speeding (too high for a Fixed Penalty Notice or National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme), and for durations similar to drink/drug driving. Likewise more of the serious cases of careless driving should result in more and longer bans.

Source: MoJ (2021) *Motoring data tool*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/criminal-justice-system-statistics-quarterly-december-2020>

**Table 1 Motoring Offences, Prosecutions and Convictions 2015-2020: Dyfed-Powys**

	Prosecutions						5 year change	Convictions						5 year change
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	2	5	3	2	2	3	50%	1	2	1	1	1	0	-100%
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	-100%
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	5	3	4	2	2	4	-20%	6	3	2	5	3	0	-100%
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug														
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers														
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	2	5	6	3	4	4	100%	0	6	3	3	5	0	
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving	0	0	0	0	0	1								
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	2	1	1	0	1	2	0%	0	1	1	0	0	2	
10. Dangerous driving	18	15	22	15	27	17	-6%	18	13	26	16	21	11	-39%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	449	405	404	347	376	283	-37%	432	397	392	335	371	279	-35%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	8	40	70	134	149	298	3625%	7	39	70	132	148	296	4129%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	80	69	84	63	87	81	1%	70	57	76	59	80	71	1%
13a. Fail to give permission for a laboratory test on a blood specimen having caused death														
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	545	348	136	140	58	46	-92%	479	327	126	123	54	42	-91%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	279	262	182	189	176	195	-30%	172	229	153	161	159	169	-2%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	33	42	54	57	49	51	55%	21	36	44	44	38	37	76%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	64	46	32	20	32	14	-78%	59	43	28	17	29	14	-76%
18. Driving licence related offences	226	282	132	152	146	127	-44%	192	252	123	137	134	114	-41%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	1,162	1,571	1,004	1,074	775	714	-39%	932	1,382	865	939	662	642	-31%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	469	397	70	93	129	70	-85%	368	325	44	70	100	61	-83%
21. Work record and employment offences	24	24	4	4	1	2	-92%	20	18	3	3	1	1	-95%
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	3	6	0	7	2	2	-33%	3	6	0	6	2	1	-67%
23. Defective vehicle parts	238	316	151	253	184	179	-25%	214	295	148	241	179	178	-17%
24. Vehicle test offences	82	131	78	126	79	78	-5%	65	120	72	124	73	77	18%
25. Speed limit offences	3,262	2,581	1,597	1,648	2,731	2,695	-17%	3,005	2,411	1,476	1,535	2,567	2,470	-18%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	171	164	48	79	68	54	-68%	152	146	42	72	61	51	-66%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	434	610	423	455	742	752	73%	382	555	370	418	676	687	80%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	779	698	246	293	155	129	-83%	642	634	223	258	140	120	-81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,337</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>4,751</b>	<b>5,156</b>	<b>5,975</b>	<b>5,801</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>7,297</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>4,699</b>	<b>5,504</b>	<b>5,323</b>	<b>-26%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 2 Motoring Offences, Bans 2015-2020: Dyfed-Powys**

	Bans						5 year change	Bans as % of Sentenced					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	1	2	1	1	1			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	1							100%					
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	4	3	2	5	2			80%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug													
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers													
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified													
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking													
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving		6	3	1	3				100%	75%	33%	100%	
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified													
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving													
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment													
10. Dangerous driving	16	13	24	18	17	6	-10	84%	87%	100%	100%	100%	100%
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	399	373	371	328	356	258	-141	92%	94%	95%	98%	96%	93%
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	7	13	0	81	146	288	281	100%	33%	0%	61%	98%	98%
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving	55	39	53	48	63	54	-1	79%	68%	70%	81%	79%	77%
13a. Fail to give permission for a laboratory test on a blood specimen having caused death													
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	5	3	3	5	6	3	-2	3%	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	2	3	3	4	2	3	1	10%	8%	7%	9%	5%	8%
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	24	16	14	9	16	9	-15	41%	36%	52%	56%	55%	64%
18. Driving licence related offences	23	46	46	42	51	25	2	12%	18%	37%	31%	38%	22%
19. Vehicle insurance offences	27	19	17	13	7	5	-22	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences													
21. Work record and employment offences													
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	0	1		0	0	0	0	0.0%	16.7%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
23. Defective vehicle parts	1	0	1	2	1	0	-1	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%
24. Vehicle test offences													
25. Speed limit offences	39	41	22	18	30	17	-22	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	0.7%
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences													
<b>Total</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>

Source: MoJ (2021) Motoring data tool

**Table 3 Motoring Offences, Ban Durations 2020: Dyfed-Powys**

	Not Banned	Banned Total	Under 6 months	6 months	Over 6 months and less than 1 year	1 year	Over 1 year and less than 2 years	2 years and less than 3 years	3 years	Over 3 years and less than 4 years	4 years and less than 5 years	5 years and less than 10 years	10 years and less than life	Life	Until driving test	Unknown
01. Causing death by dangerous driving	0	0														
02. Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs	0	0														
03. Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving	0	0														
03a. Causing death by driving without due care / consideration while over prescribed limit - specified controlled drug		0														
04. Causing death by driving unlicensed or uninsured drivers		0														
04a. Causing death by driving whilst disqualified		0														
05. Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking		0														
06. Causing serious injury by dangerous driving	0	0														
07. Cause serious injury by driving whilst disqualified		0														
08. Causing bodily harm by furious driving		0														
09. Causing danger by interfering with a vehicle, road or traffic equipment	1	0														
10. Dangerous driving	0	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
11. Driving with alcohol in the blood above the prescribed limit	18	258	0	0	0	41	151	29	20	11	5	1	0	0	0	0
12. Drive a motor vehicle with the proportion of specified controlled drug above specified limit	7	288	0	0	0	195	36	11	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Other offences related to drink or drug driving death	16	54	0	2	0	13	25	6	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
14. Using or causing others to use a handheld mobile phone whilst driving	42	0														
15. Careless driving offences (excl. mobile phone offences)	166	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Failing to stop or provide information after accident	34	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Theft of a motor vehicle / aggravated vehicle taking	5	9	0	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Driving licence related offences	88	25	4	2	2	2	6	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Vehicle insurance offences	637	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Vehicle registration and excise licence offences	61	0														
21. Work record and employment offences	1	0														
22. Fraud, forgery, etc. associated with vehicle or driver records	1	0														
23. Defective vehicle parts	178	0														
24. Vehicle test offences	77	0														
25. Speed limit offences	2,453	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Neglecting road regulations (other than speeding)	51	0														
27. Failing to supply information as to identity of driver when required	686	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Miscellaneous (other) motoring offences	120	0														
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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