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# Heddlu Police

# DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 615/2020

**Request:**

Using the Freedom of Information Act, please can I request the following information.

For the calendar year January 1 – December 31 2019 inclusive, please could you provide details of every weapon seized by police where a person is arrested on suspicion of Possession of Other Weapons (10C Home Office crime code).

Where possible, please also state the age of suspect(s) and the MO (Modus Operandi).

Please include the date the person was arrested and the nearest town/ city where known.

**Clarification:**

Clarification was sought from the applicant in relation to the MO –the applicant was happy to receive a summary.

**Response:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

**Weapon data 2019:**

| Weapon                | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Baseball bat          | 3     |
| Baton                 | 3     |
| Bladed article        | 1     |
| Bottle                | 1     |
| Credit card knife     | 2     |
| crowbar               | 1     |
| Hammer                | 2     |
| Hammer and lock knife | 1     |
| Knuckle Duster        | 2     |
| Large bread knife     | 1     |
| Lock Knife            | 11    |
| Metal bar             | 2     |
| Nail puller           | 1     |
| Pointed article       | 1     |

**Age range Data 2019:**

| Age (Yrs)          | Total     |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 10-19              | 14        |
| 20-29              | 10        |
| 30-39              | 4         |
| 40-49              | 4         |
| 50-59              | 5         |
| 60-69              | 1         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>38</b> |

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Rounders bat         | 1         |
| Smashed glass bottle | 1         |
| Stanley Knife        | 1         |
| Taser type device    | 1         |
| Tyre spanner         | 1         |
| Wheel brace          | 1         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>38</b> |

**Mo Summary data 2019:**

| <b>MO Summary</b>  | <b>Total</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Offender found in possession of a weapon                             | 9            |
| Stopped and searched by Officers                                     | 3            |
| Stopped and searched by Officers after acting suspiciously           | 3            |
| Vehicle stop - weapon found  | 4            |
| Weapon produced in a public setting                                  | 9            |
| Weapon produced in front of Officers                                 | 1            |
| Weapon seized by Officers  | 3            |
| Weapon seized by Officers in a non-public setting                    | 1            |
| Weapon seized by Officers in relation to a separate incident/offence | 5            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>38</b>    |

**Date data 2019:**

**Divisional Location data 2019:**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------|--------------|
| 04/01/2019  | 2            |
| 17/01/2019  | 1            |
| 18/01/2019  | 1            |
| 09/03/2019  | 1            |
| 21/03/2019  | 1            |
| 28/03/2019  | 1            |
| 30/03/2019  | 1            |
| 03/04/2019  | 1            |
| 25/04/2019  | 1            |
| 26/04/2019  | 1            |
| 30/04/2019  | 1            |
| 02/05/2019  | 1            |
| 15/05/2019  | 1            |
| 16/05/2019  | 1            |
| 25/05/2019  | 1            |
| 31/05/2019  | 1            |
| 18/06/2019  | 1            |
| 02/07/2019  | 1            |
| 11/07/2019  | 1            |

| <b>Divisional location</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Carmarthenshire            | 10           |
| Ceredigion                 | 5            |
| Pembrokeshire              | 9            |
| Powys                      | 14           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         | <b>38</b>    |

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 26/07/2019         | 1         |
| 27/07/2019         | 1         |
| 24/08/2019         | 2         |
| 30/08/2019         | 1         |
| 08/09/2019         | 1         |
| 18/09/2019         | 1         |
| 05/10/2019         | 1         |
| 06/10/2019         | 2         |
| 26/10/2019         | 1         |
| 31/10/2019         | 1         |
| 14/11/2019         | 1         |
| 05/12/2019         | 1         |
| 09/12/2019         | 1         |
| 14/12/2019         | 1         |
| 26/12/2019         | 1         |
| 31/12/2019         | 1         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>38</b> |

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**It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.**

**Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this Force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 16/11/20)