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How many Anti-social behaviour orders have issued over the last three months? How many Anti-social behaviour orders have been issued over the last three years? Could you provide a possible breakdown of the local authorities they have been issued in too?

RESPONSE

We consulted with our Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinator who provided the information to answer your request.

South Wales Police hold no information to answer your request as Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) no longer exist. The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced new powers and tools to deal with anti-social behaviour. There is no direct replacement tool for an ASBO however in the right circumstances, an Injunction or Criminal Behaviour Order can be applied for.

South Wales Police undertake a prior assessment of the individual engaging in the anti-social behaviour and (where known) the underlying causes of the behaviour. Steps will be taken to address the problems, utilising more accessible mechanisms including collaborative and partnership working to address the underlying causes. These include but are not limited to consideration of mental health issues, other medical matters, educational engagement etc. In this regard the force seek to follow, where appropriate, the stepped process set out in Part 2 of the guidance entitled *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Anti-social behaviour powers Statutory guidance for frontline professionals.*

The force utilise engagement methods to resolve the issue, in addition to more stringent actions including the service and enforcement of Community Protection Warnings and thereafter, where appropriate, Community Protection Notices, dispersal powers, and closure orders. The Force also engage with Local Authority partners in relation to the establishment (by the Local Authority) of areas to which a Public Spaces Protection Order applies and shall provide evidence in support of Possession Proceedings where the anti-social behaviour is related to the individual's residency within Local Authority or other Housing Authority owned premises.

Where the evidential elements are made out, the Force will seek to prosecute for behaviours and actions which amount to criminal offences and shall seek, on successful conviction, Criminal Behaviour Orders (a breach of which is a criminal offence with a sentence of up to five years imprisonment for adults) or other orders of restraint.

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