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1. Background and Coverage

This publication sets out statistics on the number of Alcohol Abstinence and Monitoring Requirement (AAMR) orders and the rate of compliance with those orders for the 6 months from April to September 2021.

2. Main Body

Alcohol monitoring tags were introduced in Wales on 21 October 2020 to support the new community sentencing option; the Alcohol Abstinence and Monitoring Requirement (AAMR). An AAMR may only be used when sentencing for alcohol-related criminal behaviour and it imposes a total ban on drinking alcohol for up to 120 days. Compliance with the ban is monitored electronically using an alcohol tag which continuously monitors for the presence of alcohol. AAMR went live in England on 31 March 2021. It may be imposed by the court as part of a Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order where:

- a. The offence, or associated offence, for which the requirement is being imposed, is alcohol-related;
- b. The subject is not alcohol dependent or has an Alcohol Treatment Requirement (ATR) recommended or in place; and
- c. The subject is an adult i.e. 18 years or over

This publication refers to the total number of AAMR orders imposed from April to September 2021. This is different to data published in the HMPPS Annual Digest¹ which set out the number of unique subjects with a live electronic monitoring order and with an alcohol monitoring tag fitted as at 31 March 2021.

There were a total of 1,531 AAMR orders imposed from April to September 2021 across England and Wales, with 97.6% of total order days complying with the requirement. Compliance with the requirement is defined as a 24-hour period in which the tag has not generated a tamper or alcohol alert.

**Table 1.1: Total Alcohol monitoring order notifications by order type^{(2), (3)}
England and Wales, April to September 2021**

	Numbers		
	Community Order	Suspended Sentence Order	Total orders imposed
April - September 2021 (p)	1,005	526	1,531

Source: EMS Contractor data

(2) In some cases the monitoring equipment may never have been installed, e.g. if the subject is taken into custody prior to installation. These cases are included in the total.

(3) Figures are provisional.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hmpps-annual-digest-april-2020-to-march-2021>

Table 1.2: Alcohol monitoring compliance^{(4), (5)} England and Wales, April to September 2021

	Percentage
	Compliance days
April - September 2021(p)	97.6%

Source: EMS Contractor data and Alcohol Monitoring Services (AMS) Contractor data

(4) Compliance days is the percentage of order days with no alerts for drinking or tamper events across all subjects.

(5) Figures are provisional.

Electronic Monitoring has always been provided by private sector companies. Since the financial year 2014/15, Electronic Monitoring Services (EMS), part of the Capita group, has supplied the electronic monitoring field and monitoring service under contract to the Ministry of Justice. Alcohol monitoring equipment and associated monitoring software is provided by AMS, this includes alcohol monitoring tags.

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