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1. Background and Coverage

This publication sets out statistics on the use of and compliance with Alcohol Abstinence and Monitoring Requirement (AAMR) orders and Alcohol Monitoring Licence (AML) conditions, from 1 April to 17 December 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

An Alcohol Monitoring on Licence (AML) condition has been introduced for offenders being released from custody whose offending and risk is alcohol related. AML commenced on 17 November 2021 for offenders being supervised in Wales and will be expanded to England in 2022. The purpose of the monitoring is to protect the public, to reduce re-offending and to support the successful re-integration of the offender into the community. There are two types of conditions available for AML: Requires total abstinence from alcohol; or Requires the offender to comply with requirements specified by their supervising officer to address their alcohol needs, this will include limiting alcohol use. Compliance is monitored using an alcohol monitoring tag.

Table 1 below shows the number of alcohol monitoring orders (AAMR) and licence conditions (AML) imposed each month from 1 April to 17 December 2021, as well as the number of offenders being monitored on the caseload as at the end of each month.

There were a total of 2,383 alcohol monitoring orders and licence conditions imposed from 1 April to 17 December 2021 across England and Wales, with a compliance rate of 97.4% of order days. Compliance is defined as a 24-hour period in which the tag has not generated a tamper or alcohol alert. The compliance rate is calculated as the percentage of order days with no alerts for drinking or tamper events across all tagged offenders. 770 offenders were on the caseload and being monitored as at 17 December 2021.

Table 1.1: Alcohol monitoring orders made and licence conditions set, and alcohol tagged offender caseload, by month ^{(1),(2)}, England and Wales, 1 April to 17 December 2021

Date	Orders made and licence conditions set	Caseload⁽³⁾
April	204	171
May	243	341
June	280	500
July	254	567
August	239	585
September	310	595
October	291	676
November	359	745
<i>1-17 December⁽⁴⁾</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>770</i>

Source: EMS Contractor data

(1) Figures are provisional.

(2) Offenders may be given multiple orders or licence conditions over the course of the year. Each order or licence condition is counted individually, whereas for caseload an offender is only counted once i.e. one offender with four orders counts as four orders but one on the caseload.

(3) Caseload is defined as individuals with an active order and equipment installed on the last day of the month (but see Note (4) below). Caseloads must not be summed as this will introduce double counting of individuals with an active order and equipment installed in more than one month.

(4) Orders and caseload for December 2021 are current through 17 December 2021 rather than month end.

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