



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

REQUEST

You kindly last provided us with data for 2020. We are updating our records.

We would like to know about antisemitic crimes and non-criminal antisemitic incidents recorded by Gwent Police, with numbers of crimes and incidents individually broken down for each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

We will use the data to publish a crime audit to provide a valuable insight into the prevalence of antisemitic crimes and non-criminal antisemitic incidents in the United Kingdom.

Reply

If any of the information that we have requested is already in the public domain, please direct us to it with website links, as appropriate.

Our request is as follows:

Question 1a

If Gwent Police flags antisemitic crimes separately, please provide us with:

The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, which fell into the Home Office categories of “homicide”, “violence with injury” and “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”.



The total number of antisemitic crimes, in each month of 2021,2022 and 2023, that resulted in charges being brought; and

The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Question 1b

If Gwent Police does not flag antisemitic crimes separately, please search for crimes and non-criminal incidents in your CRIS using the following whole keywords (i.e., not parts of words, but whole words, so that when you search for “Jew”, entries containing “jewellery” are not returned). Since use of all the keywords might prevent you from answering this FOI request due to excessive cost, please only use the keywords (starting at the top) that can be used without incurring excessive cost.

The keywords are:

Jew/Jews/Jewish/Judaism

Semite/Semitic/Semitism

Antisemite/Antisemitic/Antisemitism

Yid/Yids/Yiddo/Yiddish

When responding to Q1 or Q1a, please use the following table format, with the following headings:

Month

Number of antisemitic crimes recorded.

Number of antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence* Number of antisemitic crimes resulting in charges being brought Number of antisemitic incidents reported.

*For the purpose of this request, antisemitic crimes involving allegations of violence are those antisemitic crimes which fell into the Home Office categories of “homicide”, “violence with injury” and “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”.



RESPONSE

Question 1a

If Gwent Police flags antisemitic crimes separately, please provide us with:

The total number of antisemitic crimes recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Please find below a table for Racial Antisemitic crimes broken down into months for the years requested. To provide this data we have searched under Racial Hate Crime and filtered to Jewish.

RACIAL - Antisemitic	
Year	Total
2021	0
2022	
June	2
November	2
2023	
March	1
September	1
Total	6

The total number of antisemitic violent crimes recorded, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, which fell into the Home Office categories of “homicide”, “violence with injury” and “racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury”;

Please find below a table for Racial Antisemitic crimes broken down into months for the years requested. To provide this data we have searched under Racial Hate Crime – Jewish and filtered to Offence Title and Crime Category.

RACIAL - Antisemitic			
Year	Total	Offence Title	Home Office Code
2021	0		
2022			
June	2	Public Order Offences	9B - Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress
November	1	Violence Without Injury	8R - Harassment
	1	Public Order Offences	9B - Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress
2023			
March	1	Public Order Offences	9B - Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress
September	1	Public Order Offences	9B - Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress
Total	6		



The total number of antisemitic crimes, in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023, that resulted in charges being brought.

From the table above, only 1 of the Crimes had an Outcome of 'Charged'. As for Convictions we cannot provide this data as the data belongs to the courts who issue these. The number of convictions can be obtained from the courts.

The total number of antisemitic non-criminal incidents recorded in each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Please find below a table for all Incidents reported with the Crime Category of Race attached for the Years and Months requested. To provide this data we have searched for all Incidents with the closing category of Race.

Year/Months	ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	CRIME RELATED	OPEN LOG	PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE	TRANSPORT	Total
2021						
Jan	1	17	0	0	0	18
Feb	1	17	0	1	0	19
Mar	1	33	0	2	0	36
Apr	7	22	0	0	0	29
May	6	43	0	2	0	51
Jun	5	54	0	1	1	61
Jul	1	40	0	3	0	44
Aug	7	59	0	2	0	68
Sep	5	52	0	4	0	61
Oct	0	34	2	1	1	38
Nov	6	42	1	2	0	51
Dec	1	25	0	1	0	27
2022						
Jan	5	35	1	1	1	43
Feb	4	26	1	3	0	34
Mar	2	38	0	1	1	42
Apr	7	42	0	1	1	51
May	4	28	0	2	1	35
Jun	3	37	0	0	0	40
Jul	6	45	0	0	0	51
Aug	2	35	0	0	0	37
Sep	5	31	0	1	0	37
Oct	2	33	0	2	0	37
Nov	3	42	0	1	0	46
Dec	3	31	0	1	0	35
2023						



Jan	2	33	2	0	0	37
Feb	3	46	1	0	0	50
Mar	5	38	0	1	0	44
Apr	5	41	0	2	0	48
May	3	37	0	2	0	42
Jun	1	46	2	2	0	51
Jul	2	46	0	0	0	48
Aug	4	47	0	2	0	53
Sep	8	43	0	1	1	53
Oct	4	49	1	2	0	56
Nov	4	48	0	2	0	54
Dec	2	39	0	1	0	42
Total	130	1374	4	47	7	1569

There is no filter to identify if Antisemitic non-criminal incidents. In order to find this information, a manual trawl would have to be completed on each offence within this time period which were categorised as Antisemitic. There are 1569 such incidents recorded in for 2021, 2022 and 2023. It would take 4 minutes to look through each record to identify if the incident is Antisemitic.

This would take over 43 hours to complete.

1569 records x 4 minutes per record = 6276 minutes = 104+ hours) which is over the 18 hours and would therefore be exempt.

Section 12 – Excess Cost

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 12(1) of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Section 12(1) “does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

In the case of a police force, the appropriate limit is set at £450, which is calculated at £25 per hour (i.e. 18 hours). Gwent Police would have to conduct a manual search to find and extract the information for this question. This would take more than 18 hours of staff time therefore we are unable to answer this question and the exemption is engaged.

We appreciate that you may be disappointed on this occasion that we are unable to provide the requested information. However, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have a duty to assist you in relation to refining your request, where we may be able to answer some of your questions.



Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

If, upon receiving a response to a freedom of information request, you are unhappy with the outcome, you may request an internal review. **This should be made within 40 working days of the initial response.**

Please direct any internal review requests to FOI@gwent.police.uk

You have the right to request an appeal from the Information Commissioners Office about your Freedom of Information request, if you are dissatisfied with your internal review response.

ICO Contact Details:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.