



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

For the period 1/1/2022 to present day

How many random drugs/ alcohol tests have been carried on all staff.
Outcomes of tests.

How many police staff have been detected speeding in police vehicles.

How were positive cases disposed of.

RESPONSE

For the period 1/1/2022 to present day

How many random drugs/ alcohol tests have been carried on all staff.
Outcomes of tests - **Between 01/01/2022 and the present date, there have been 67 random drug/alcohol tests conducted. All have provided negative results.**

How many police staff have been detected speeding in police vehicles - **There were a total of 579 speeding tickets issued to us from 01.01.22-02.04.24.**

How were positive cases disposed of

Unfortunately, we cannot answer this question as it will exceed the 18-hour time limit to complete a request. There have been 579 tickets issued to us. In order to retrieve the outcome, each record would need to be reviewed. It would take approximately **three**



minutes to review each individual record, which would equate to over **28 hours** of research. Therefore, a Section 12 Excess Cost exemption has been applied.

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.

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.

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.