



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

Question One.

From 17th September 2023 to 17th January 2024, how many fines in total have been issued by Gwent Police for excessive speeding in 20mph zones? Geographically, this would cover the entire area overseen of Gwent Police.

Question Two.

From 17th September 2023 to 17th January 2024, how many fines have been issued by Gwent Police for excessive speeding in 20mph zones in the Newport postcodes of NP19, NP20, NP10 and NP18?

Question Three.

From 17th September 2023 to 17th January 2024, how many fines have been issued by Gwent Police for excessive speeding in 20mph zones in the Monmouthshire postcodes of NP26, NP16, NP15, NP25 and NP7?

RESPONSE

0 Offences have been issued as a result of offences detected by camera between 17th September, 2023 and 17th January, 2024.



Both GoSafe and Welsh police forces support the new 20mph default speed limit in Wales. Along with other partners, we are engaging with motorists and communities to ensure the new speed limit is respected. Enforcement will be carried out where it is needed to keep communities safe, as it has been for over a decade in 20mph areas.

GoSafe temporarily suspended 20mph enforcement in September 2023 following the new legislation change. This decision considered a number of factors:

- **Where roads were previously 30mph by default, the change to a 20mph default speed limit is new to the general public and requires time to become embedded or at least familiar to drivers**
- **Signage and Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) across other 20mph and 30mph locations are being put in place by highway authorities on specified roads which are not subject to the new default limit. The suspension of enforcement allows sufficient time for Highways Authorities to ensure the signage is correct and TROs are complete before enforcement recommences.**
- **Alongside Welsh Fire and Rescue Services, we are delivering a number of engagement sessions prior to the wider roll out of Operation Ugain. This will help drivers understand the new road speed in their areas. The dedicated Operation Ugain teams will engage with communities across Wales and sit alongside enforcement and prosecutions. GoSafe, the four police forces in Wales and the three Welsh Fire and Rescue services have been awarded funding by Welsh Government to increase the capacity for running engagement sessions. This is anticipated to increase understanding of, and therefore compliance with, the default speed limit.**

Whilst 20mph enforcement is temporarily suspended, GoSafe staff have been working within all other speed limits in Wales to ensure that they continue to support casualty reduction across the whole road network.

Officer witness offences are as follows.

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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.