



## 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

I would like to request the number of sexual assaults and rapes taken place in public toilets within your jurisdiction in the past 10 years.

Specifically, I am interested in the following:

- How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged over 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?
- How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged under 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?
- How many cases had an outcome of charge/summons?
- If possible, please provide yearly data and comment on measures you are taking to address the issue.
- If 10 years of data is not available, please provide data from the earliest month you can trace to the most recent month.



## RESPONSE

I would like to request the number of sexual assaults and rapes taken place in public toilets within your jurisdiction in the past 10 years.

**Please note that the software only provides data from 2018, therefore the data we have provided is based on January 2018 to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

Specifically, I am interested in the following:

- How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged over 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?

**Please find below a table for Rape and Other Sexual Offences for the years 2018 to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024. As there is no offence for Sexual Assault in a 'public toilet' we have completed a keyword search. To provide this data we have searched under the Crime category of Rape and Other Sexual Offences, filtered to Adult Victim and completed a keyword search of 'public' an 'toilet' within the timeframe.**

Crime Category – Adult	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES	13	16	10	17	23	22	4	105
RAPE	3	6	4	7	5	3	1	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>134</b>

- How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged under 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?

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Crime Category – Child 10-17 Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES	6	12	6	11	16	16	1	68
RAPE	2	3	3	1	3	5	1	18



<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>86</b>
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<b>Outcome - Adult</b>	<b>OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>	<b>RAPE</b>	<b>Total</b>
Charged	2	1	3
Summonsed/postal requisition	3	3	6
Police - formal action not in public interest	1	0	1
Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	10	1	11
Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	2	1	3
CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	1	2
Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	32	6	38
Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	21	7	28
Investigation complete no suspect identified	15	3	18
Other body/agency has investigation primacy	9	1	10
Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1	0	1
New - Under Investigation	8	5	13
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<b>Outcome - Child</b>	<b>OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>	<b>RAPE</b>	<b>Total</b>
Charged	0	1	1
Summonsed/postal requisition	1	2	3
Police - formal action not in public interest	1	0	1
Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	10	1	11
Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	3	1	4
CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	0	1
Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	20	4	24
Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	11	2	13
Investigation complete no suspect identified	4	0	4



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Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1	0	1
New - Under Investigation	5	5	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>86</b>

If possible, please provide yearly data and comment on measures you are taking to address the issue.

**Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as "information recorded in any form".**

The Act, therefore, only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form.

The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action-unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form"(Day vs ICO &DWP-ea/2006/0069 Final Decision)

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**Detailed above in request.**

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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](mailto: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.**