



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

1. The total number of arrests under the Vagrancy Act 1824 within the area your police force covers from 1 April 2023 to 29 February 2024.
2. A breakdown of the total number of arrests under the Vagrancy Act 1824 per month.
3. The total number of charges under the Vagrancy Act 1824 within the area your police force covers from 1 April 2023 to 29 February 2024.
4. A breakdown of the total number of charges under the Vagrancy Act 1824 per month.
5. The total number of convictions under the Vagrancy Act 1824 within the area your police force covers from 1 April 2023 to 29 February 2024.
6. A breakdown of the total number of convictions under the Vagrancy Act 1824 per month.

RESPONSE

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<i>Number of Vagrancy Arrests</i>	6
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<i>Number of Vagrancy Arrests</i>	
Month	Total



April	0
May	0
June	1
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	2
December	0
January	0
February	3

The table above shows the number of arrests based on the arrival time for the following offence:

Vagrant - being found in or upon enclosed premises.

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Number of Charges	1
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Number of Charges	
Month	Total
April	0
May	0
Jun	1
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
January	0
February	0

The table above is based on the number of charges identified for each custody record and if a person was arrested for multiple vagrancy offences they would only be counted once.

Please note that charge disposals can be added any time after the arrest and that some arrests may still be under investigation – these figures are accurate as of the 12/04/2024.

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We cannot provide this data as the data belongs to the courts who issue the convictions. The number of convictions can be obtained from the courts.

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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

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.