



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. How much did your force spend on interpretation/translation services for 2022/2023 financial year?
2. What were the top five languages where most costs were incurred?
3. If possible, please could you provide the answers solely for translation services.

CLARIFICATION

The specific information I would like was a figure on how much your constabulary spends on translating exhibits rather than face to face interpretation. I do, however, accept that this information may not be available and so a combined figure for all interpretation would be fine.

RESPONSE

The total cost of translation of exhibits, (this was the specific request in the clarification email), is **£11,442.98** (ex VAT) for 2022/23.

Top five languages

- 1) Romanian - £7570.59
- 2) Albanian – £ 692.34
- 3) Polish - £523.97
- 4) Kurdish Sorani – 439.55
- 5) Hungarian - £466.06



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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 note, any written reply from an applicant expressing dissatisfaction with an authority's response to a request for any information will be treated as a complaint and will automatically lead to an internal review.

Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.