



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

Please could you send me the following data available in your area on the following points, with figures to be broken down by month and to cover the period January 2023 to December 2023.

Please could you provide statistics for the number of vans reported broken in to and/or stolen (or had items stolen)

Please could you then provide the makes/models of vans most frequently targeted?



RESPONSE

Please could you send me the following data available in your area on the following points, with figures to be broken down by month and to cover the period January 2023 to December 2023.

A search has been carried out on the above dates using key words - Theft from motor vehicle, Interference with Motor vehicle and Tampering with Motor vehicle.

This has generated a total of 1680 incidents requiring the researcher to check every record for data - 1680 x3 Mins = 84 hours taking the research over 18 hrs therefore the following 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.

We appreciate that you may be disappointed on this occasion that we are unable to provide the requested information. However under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have a duty to assist you in relation to refining your request, where we may be able to answer some of your questions.

Please could you then provide the makes/models of vans most frequently targeted?

As above a search of each record would need to be carried out and as a result the above Section 12 exemption has been applied.



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.

ICO Contact Details:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.