



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. Can you give me the figures on how many people, currently, are firearms and shotgun holders in the area covered by your police force?
2. How many firearms offences have there been over the past 5 years, broken down into each year, in the area you police?
3. Gwent Police has launched a new initiative called Project Titanium which focuses on trying to crack down on guns being used in domestic abuse situations. It aims to strengthen gun licensing processes. I wanted to know if this will be rolled out nationally?

RESPONSE

Q1 - We have a combination of 6,368 of certificate holders in Gwent Police which are a combination of shotgun, firearms and co term license holders.

Q2 – Please find below a table for Firearm Offences for 1st January 2019 to 04th June 2024. To provide this data we have searched under the Crime Category of Firearm.



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Offence Title	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
CARRYING A LOADED OR UNLOADED OR IMITATION FIREARM OR AIR WEAPON IN PUBLIC PLACE.	13	10	25	17	21	9	95
CARRYING LOADED OR UNLOADED FIREARM IN PUBLIC PLACE ETC.GROUP II (LOADED SHOTGUN (NOT IMITATION FIREARM OR AN AIR WEAPON)	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
CARRYING LOADED/UNLOADED FIREARM AND AMMUNITION IN PUBLIC PLACE ETC (ANY OTHER FIREARM (NOT IMITATION FIREARM OR AN AIR WEAPON OR LOADED SHOTGUN)(WHETHER LOADED OR NOT) TOGETHER WITH AMMUNITION SUITABLE FOR USE IN THAT FIREARM).	3	3	2	1	1	1	11
POSES ARTICLE FOR USE IN CONVERSION OF IMITATION FIREARMS. SECTION 4A OF THE FIREARMS ACT 1968	1	0	3	1	0	0	5
POSSESSING ETC, FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION WITHOUT FIREARM CERTIFICATE.	1	1	4	0	5	4	15
POSSESSING GROUP I FIREARM (FIREARM, PROHIBITED WEAPON ETC.) OR IMITATION FIREARM WHILE COMMITTING OR BEING ARRESTED FOR OFFENCE SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 1 OF THE ACT.	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
POSSESSING GROUP I FIREARM (FIREARM, PROHIBITED WEAPON ETC.) OR IMITATION FIREARM WITH INTENT TO CAUSE FEAR OF VIOLENCE.	3	4	11	13	11	4	46
POSSESSING GROUP I FIREARM (FIREARM, PROHIBITED WEAPON ETC.) OR IMITATION FIREARM WITH INTENT TO COMMIT INDICTABLE OFFENCE OR RESIST ARREST.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
POSSESSING GROUP II FIREARM (SHOTGUN ETC.) OR IMITATION FIREARM WITH INTENT TO CAUSE FEAR OF VIOLENCE.	2	0	0	1	1	1	5
POSSESSING GROUP III FIREARM (AIR-WEAPON ETC.) OR IMITATION FIREARM WHILE COMMITTING OR BEING ARRESTED FOR OFFENCE SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 1 OF THE ACT	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
POSSESSING GROUP III FIREARM (AIR-WEAPON ETC.) OR IMITATION FIREARM WITH INTENT TO CAUSE FEAR OF VIOLENCE.	6	3	6	11	12	1	39
POSSESSING OR DISTRIBUTING FIREARM DISGUISED AS OTHER OBJECT	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
POSSESSION OF GROUP I FIREARM (FIREARM, PROHIBITED WEAPON ETC) WITH INTENT TO INJURE / ENDANGER LIFE	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
POSSESSION OF GROUP III FIREARM (AIR-WEAPON ETC.) WITH INTENT TO INJURE / ENDANGER LIFE	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
PURCHASE / ACQUIRE PROHIBITED WEAPON / AMMUNITION FOR SALE / TRANSFER. FIREARMS ACT 1968 SEC 5 (2A) (D) CJS F168446	0	0	2	1	2	0	5
TRADING IN FIREARMS WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED AS A FIREARMS DEALER. (GROUP I, FIREARM, PROHIBITED WEAPON ETC.)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	32	23	54	48	63	20	240



*The above data relates to crime only and does not include any concerns with certificate holders which may not necessarily lead to a criminal investigation.

Q3 – We are unable to comment on other Forces take up of the initiative – you would need to contact the relevant forces of interest to obtain this information.

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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.