



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

Q1 What is the number of incidents of pupils aged 18 and under found in possession of a bladed article on school premises (nursery, primary and secondary schools) during the following full academic years?

2014-2015

2015-2016

2016-2017

2017-2018

2018-2019

2019-2020

2020-2021

2021-2022

2022-2023

2023-2024

Q2 We request that the above information should be broken down by:

- a. month of incident?
- b. age of pupil?
- c. type of bladed article (e.g knife)?
- d. if bladed article was used to harm anyone else (e.g other than self-harm), how many people were injured?
- e. police response to the incident (e.g arrest, investigation etc)?



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RESPONSE

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2014-2015
2015-2016
2016-2017
2017-2018
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020-2021
2021-2022
2022-2023
2023-2024

<i>Number of Crimes</i>		
Academic Year	Month	Total
2017-2018	August	0
	September	1
	October	0
	November	0
	December	1
	January	1
	February	0
	March	2
	April	0
	May	0
	June	1
July	4	
2018-2019	August	0
	September	1
	October	0
	November	2
	December	0
	January	0
	February	0
	March	1
	April	1
	May	1
June	1	



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2019-2020	July	1
	August	0
	September	1
	October	1
	November	2
	December	1
	January	1
	February	0
	March	0
	April	0
	May	0
	June	0
	July	0
2020-2021	August	0
	September	1
	October	1
	November	0
	December	0
	January	1
	February	0
	March	1
	April	3
	May	1
	June	1
	July	2
2021-2022	August	0
	September	0
	October	1
	November	2
	December	0
	January	1
	February	1
	March	3
	April	0
	May	3
	June	2
	July	0
2022-2023	August	0
	September	1
	October	1
	November	1
	December	0



	January	1
	February	0
	March	3
	April	3
	May	1
	June	3
	July	2
2023-2024	August	0
	September	1
	October	0
	November	1
	December	2
	January	1
	February	0
	March	2
	April	0
	May	4
	June	2
	July	1

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- police response to the incident (e.g arrest, investigation etc)?

<i>Age of Offender</i>				
Academic Year	Month	Under 10 Years	10-17 Years	18-Years
2017-2018	August	0	0	0
	September	0	1	0
	October	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0
	January	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0
	March	0	2	0
	April	0	0	0
	May	0	0	0
	June	0	1	0



	July	0	2	0
2018-2019	August	0	0	0
	September	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0
	November	0	2	0
	December	0	0	0
	January	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0
	March	1	0	0
	April	0	2	0
	May	0	0	0
	June	0	1	0
	July	0	1	0
	2019-2020	August	0	0
September		0	1	0
October		0	0	1
November		0	2	0
December		0	1	0
January		0	1	0
February		0	0	0
March		0	0	0
April		0	0	0
May		0	0	0
June		0	0	0
July		0	0	0
2020-2021		August	0	0
	September	0	1	0
	October	0	1	0
	November	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0
	January	0	1	0
	February	0	0	0
	March	0	1	0
	April	0	3	0
	May	0	1	0
	June	0	1	0
	July	0	2	0
	2021-2022	August	0	0
September		0	0	0
October		0	1	0
November		0	1	0
December		0	0	0



	January	0	2	0	
	February	0	1	0	
	March	0	4	0	
	April	0	0	0	
	May	0	3	0	
	June	0	2	0	
	July	0	0	0	
2022-2023	August	0	0	0	
	September	0	2	0	
	October	0	1	0	
	November	0	1	0	
	December	0	0	0	
	January	0	1	0	
	February	0	0	0	
	March	0	3	0	
	April	0	2	0	
	May	0	2	0	
	June	1	2	0	
	July	0	2	0	
	2023-2024	August	0	0	0
		September	0	0	0
October		0	0	0	
November		1	0	0	
December		1	1	0	
January		0	1	0	
February		0	0	0	
March		0	2	0	
April		0	0	0	
May		0	2	0	
June		0	1	0	
July		0	1	0	

<i>Weapon Type used in Crime</i>					
Academic Year	Month	Knife	Razor Blade	Scissors	Self Made Weapon
2017-2018	August	0	0	0	0
	September	1	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0	0
	December	1	0	0	0
	January	1	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0	0



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	March	2	0	0	0
	April	0	0	0	0
	May	0	0	0	0
	June	1	0	0	0
	July	4	0	0	0
2018-2019	August	0	0	0	0
	September	1	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0	0
	November	2	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0
	January	0	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0	0
	March	1	0	0	0
	April	1	0	0	0
	May	1	0	0	0
	June	1	0	0	0
	July	1	0	0	0
	2019-2020	August	0	0	0
September		1	0	0	0
October		1	0	0	0
November		2	0	0	0
December		1	0	0	0
January		1	0	0	0
February		0	0	0	0
March		0	0	0	0
April		0	0	0	0
May		0	0	0	0
June		0	0	0	0
July		0	0	0	0
2020-2021		August	0	0	0
	September	1	0	0	0
	October	1	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0
	January	1	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0	0
	March	1	0	0	0
	April	3	0	0	0
	May	1	0	0	0
	June	1	0	0	0
	July	2	0	0	0
2021-2022	August	0	0	0	0



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	September	0	0	0	0
	October	1	0	0	0
	November	2	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0
	January	1	0	0	0
	February	1	0	0	0
	March	3	0	0	0
	April	0	0	0	0
	May	3	0	0	0
	June	2	0	0	0
	July	0	0	0	0
2022-2023	August	0	0	0	0
	September	1	0	0	0
	October	1	0	0	0
	November	0	1	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0
	January	1	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0	0
	March	3	0	0	0
	April	3	0	0	0
	May	1	0	0	0
	June	3	0	0	0
July	2	0	0	0	
2023-2024	August	0	0	0	0
	September	1	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0	0
	November	1	0	0	0
	December	1	0	1	0
	January	1	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0	0
	March	1	0	0	1
	April	0	0	0	0
	May	3	0	0	1
	June	2	0	0	0
July	1	0	0	0	



<i>Others Harmed and Numbers Injured</i>			
Academic Year	Month	Others Harmed	Numbers Injured
2017-2018	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No
	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
	April	No	No
	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No
2018-2019	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No
	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
	April	No	No
	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No
2019-2020	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No
	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
	April	No	No
	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No
2020-2021	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No



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	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
	April	Yes	1
	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No
2021-2022	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No
	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
	April	No	No
	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No
2022-2023	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No
	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
	April	No	No
	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No
2023-2024	August	No	No
	September	No	No
	October	No	No
	November	No	No
	December	No	No
	January	No	No
	February	No	No
	March	No	No
April	No	No	



	May	No	No
	June	No	No
	July	No	No

<i>Number of Outcomes</i>							
Outcomes Academic Years	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Summoned/postal requisition	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Police - formal action not in public interest	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	3	0	4	3	3	6	5
Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Investigation complete no suspect identified	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Youth caution	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Youth conditional caution	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Other body/agency has investigation primacy	0	2	0	0	6	1	1
Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Diversory, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Adult conditional caution	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Community resolution	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Youth restorative disposal	2	2	0	2	0	3	1
New	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Please note, every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete.

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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.