



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

This is a request for information according to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

It relates to wrongful arrests and compensation.

Please can you provide the following information. Please note there are X parts to my request.

(1)

Between 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2025, how many times has your force made a wrongful arrest, when “protest” was recorded as part of the arrest, or the arrest was recorded as taking place at a “protest.”

Please provide data by calendar year.

(2)

For each wrongful arrest when “protest” was recorded as part of the arrest, or the arrest was recorded as taking place at a “protest”, please can you provide the offence under which the arrest was made, e.g. the offence of locking on; assaulting an emergency worker.

(3)

Between 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2025, how much compensation has your force paid out to victims of wrongful arrest, when “protest” was recorded as part of the arrest, or the arrest was recorded as taking place at a “protest.”



Please provide data by calendar year.

RESPONSE

(1)

Between 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2025, how many times has your force made a wrongful arrest, when “protest” was recorded as part of the arrest, or the arrest was recorded as taking place at a “protest.”

Please provide data by calendar year.

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The force does not record “wrongful arrests” save for when pleaded as a civil claim.

Data for arrests relating to protests will be held within our crime recording system, but we do not record “wrongful arrests”.

If a claimant raises an allegation of wrongful arrest within the context of a civil claim, we will record such a claim within our claims systems and therefore, we are able to provide the data for question (3).

3. Between 1 January 2022 and 1 January 2025, how much compensation has your force paid out to victims of wrongful arrest, when “protest” was recorded as part of the arrest, or the arrest was recorded as taking place at a “protest.”

A search was conducted for all claim records during the requested time frame where “protest” was recorded as part of the arrest, or the arrest took place at a “protest”. This search retrieved 0 results.

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

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.



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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 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.