



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

I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to know how many offences have been recorded under the non-fatal strangulation offence (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015 (as amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021), since it was introduced in June 2022. Please could you tell me the following:

1. How many crimes of non-fatal strangulation (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015) have you recorded between 7 June 2022 to the 31 Dec 2024, broken down by year? Please include all occurrences, including where this is not the primary offence.
2. Please also provide a count of all other offences associated with the investigations from Q1, i.e. other secondary or primary offences that were recorded at the same time, for example if it was recorded alongside a sexual offence. Please list full offence titles and total count these of linked offences over the time period.
3. For all of the investigations in Q1, please extract and send the redacted crime MO.
4. Please provide a separate breakdown of total victims and suspects count by a) age group (categories: Aged 15 years and under · Aged 16 to 24 years · Aged 25 to 34 years · Aged 35 to 49 years · Aged 50 to 64 years · Aged 65 years and over) and b) gender, linked to investigations from Q1
5. Please provide a separate breakdown of case outcomes: for non-live cases, by outcome type and total count, for investigations from Q1.



6. Please provide a separate breakdown of the total number of arrests where non-fatal strangulation is part of the of the arrest offences.

If request Q3 takes my request over time exemptions, please disregard it.

RESPONSE

- 1. How many crimes of non-fatal strangulation (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015) have you recorded between 7 June 2022 to the 31 Dec 2024, broken down by year? Please include all occurrences, including where this is not the primary offence.**

Q1. The data provided is based on crimes recorded as 'Non-Fatal Strangulation or Suffocation' for the recorded dates 7th of June 2022 to 31st of December 2024.

Recorded Year	Number of 'Non-Fatal Strangulation or Suffocation' Offences Recorded
2022	328
2023	527
2024	554
Total	1409

- 2. Please also provide a count of all other offences associated with the investigations from Q1, i.e. other secondary or primary offences that were recorded at the same time, for example if it was recorded alongside a sexual offence. Please list full offence titles and total count these of linked offences over the time period.**

- 3. For all of the investigations in Q1, please extract and send the redacted crime MO.**

Q2 / Q3 Unfortunately, this would be exempt on time as we would need to review each record individually for any linked occurrences. It would take approximately 5-10 minutes to view each record.

1,409 records x 5 minutes per viewing /60 minutes = 117+ hours

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.

4. Please provide a separate breakdown of total victims and suspects count by a) age group (categories: Aged 15 years and under · Aged 16 to 24 years · Aged 25 to 34 years · Aged 35 to 49 years · Aged 50 to 64 years · Aged 65 years and over) and b) gender, linked to investigations from Q1

Q4a. The data in Q1 has been broken down by the **Victim's** age group and gender in the table below. Please note that the data is dependent on the officer linking the victim, any victim unknown or not attached to the record will not be included within the table below. Please also note that the data may include one or more victim attached to each Crime record.

Victim's Age Group/Gender	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
15 years and under	77	94	1	172
16-24 years	200	65	2	267
25-34 years	314	59	1	374
35-49 years	362	66	1	429
50-64 years	113	32	1	146
65 years and over	30	10	0	40
Unknown	4	2	2	8
Total	1100	328	8	1436



Q4b. The data in Q1 has been broken down by the **Offender's** age group and gender in the table below. Please note that the data is dependent on the Officer linking the offender, any offender unknown or not attached to the record will not be included within the table below.

Offender's Age Group/Gender	Female	Male	Unknown	Indeterminate	Total
15 years and under	8	60	1	0	69
16-24 years	19	122	0	1	142
25-34 years	43	334	2	0	379
35-49 years	88	459	0	0	547
50-64 years	25	154	0	0	179
65 years and over	5	40	0	0	45
Unknown	5	4	0	0	9
Total	193	1173	3	1	1370

5. Please provide a separate breakdown of case outcomes: for non-live cases, by outcome type and total count, for investigations from Q1.

Q5. The data in Q1 has been broken down by Recorded Date and the Outcome of finalised records. The table does NOT include cases which are still under investigation.

Please note that outcomes are dependent on what the Officer has inputted onto the system, it is a manual process. If they have not manually updated this, then the information would not have been updated and won't be correct.

Outcome	2022	2023	2024	Total
1: Charged	37	58	50	145
1: Summoned/postal requisition	12	20	4	36
1A: Alternate offence charged	4	2	7	13
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	1	2	1	4
3: Adult caution	0	3	0	3
3: Adult conditional caution	0	1	0	1
3A: Alternate offence adult conditional caution	0	1	0	1
5: Offender has died	1	1	1	3
8: Community resolution	0	4	7	11
8: Youth restorative disposal	1	1	2	4
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	1	0	0	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	0	2	1	3
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	1	0	2	3



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12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	2	1	0	3
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	1	2	0	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6	9	9	24
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	22	40	28	90
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	99	172	163	434
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	126	162	118	406
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	5	14	14	33
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3	13	7	23
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1	0	0	1
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further	0	4	0	4
Cancelled/transferred	0	1	0	1
Total	323	513	414	1250

6. Please provide a separate breakdown of the total number of arrests where non-fatal strangulation is part of the of the arrest offences.

Q6. The custody data for 'Non-Fatal Strangulation or Suffocation' is a separate data source that cannot be directly linked to the offences above. This would be a separate figure.

Data correct as of 22/01/2025

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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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.