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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 you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. The number of transgender hate crimes reported per year from 2022 - 2024 (inclusive).
2. The number of prosecutions for transgender hate crimes per year from 2022 - 2024 (inclusive).
3. The number of transgender hate crimes that resulted in no further action, reported per year from 2022 - 2024 (inclusive).
4. The number of successful prosecutions for transgender hate crimes per year from 2011 – 2021 (inclusive).
5. The number of transgender police officers and their proportion as a percentage of all police officers, reported per year from 2011 - 2021 (inclusive).
6. The details of any police policies or initiatives to increase the detection and/or prosecution of hate crimes against transgender people.
7. The details or any police policies or initiatives to increase the trust the transgender community have in the police.

RESPONSE

1. The number of transgender hate crimes reported per year from 2022 - 2024 (inclusive).



The data provided is based on the number of offences with a Transphobic Hate Crime Local Qualifier linked to the record in 2022 to 2024.

Recorded Year	Number of Transphobic Hate Crimes
2022	84
2023	60
2024	62
Total	206

2. The number of prosecutions for transgender hate crimes per year from 2022 - 2024 (inclusive).

Unfortunately, we cannot provide prosecution data as the data belongs to the courts who issue the convictions.

3. The number of transgender hate crimes that resulted in no further action, reported per year from 2022 - 2024 (inclusive).

The table below provides the number of Transphobic Hate Crimes recorded from 2022 to 2024 which have a No Further Action (NFA) Outcome as of 22/01/2025.

The Outcomes included within the table are listed below:

- 12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute
- 14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
- 15: CPS – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
- 15: Police – named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
- 16: Victim declines/withdraws support – named suspect identified
- 18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
- 20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
- 22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further

Please note that outcomes are completely 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.

Recorded Year	Number of NFA Outcomes
2022	80
2023	49
2024	39
Total	168



Data correct as of 22/01/2025.

4. The number of successful prosecutions for transgender hate crimes per year from 2011 – 2021 (inclusive).

Please see response for Q.2.

5. The number of transgender police officers and their proportion as a percentage of all police officers, reported per year from 2011 - 2021 (inclusive).

Between the dates mentioned we have had no officers reporting as transgender.

6. The details of any police policies or initiatives to increase the detection and/or prosecution of hate crimes against transgender people.

Gwent Police carry out regular training for our officers on hate crime and scrutinise our hate crime data through our governance processes with the aim to improve the detection and prosecution rates of all hate crimes, including transphobic hate. When new officers join Gwent Police, they receive training on hate crime, including transphobic hate crime, from the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) team. This covers: definitions of a hate crime and non-crime hate incident; legislative and policy framework; examples of high-profile hate crimes; effect and impact of hate crime on victims; responsibilities of officers when investigating hate crimes; and example scenarios for discussion, including an example of a transphobic hate crime. From October 2025, Gwent Police have scheduled a hate crime refresher input on our Force Training Days for all officers. This will cover the topics discussed above. Gwent Police have planned for 2025, and have previously had, inputs from transgender speakers to help our officers and staff learn more about transgender people's experiences and feel more confident when interacting with trans victims and witnesses of crime, including hate crime.

Gwent Police have a process to quality assure and scrutinise hate crimes and ensure that learning points are fed back to individual officers and the wider organisation. This helps us ensure not only that we are working effectively to prosecute more hate crimes, but also that the victims are treated with respect and courtesy.

This includes a monthly vulnerability meeting where hate crime trends are examined and local area inspectors asked to provide context for any rises in hate crime and evidence what they are doing to tackle it. We also hold a quarterly hate crime scrutiny panel where members of our Independent Advisory Group meet with the officers and staff who have responsibility for hate crimes to examine the data and dip-sample a range of closed hate crimes from all hate crime types, to look at the quality of the investigation and the treatment of the victim. We aim to examine a hate



crime from each of the five strands every panel, and learning from this is fed back to individuals and/or incorporated into force wide training.

7. The details or any police policies or initiatives to increase the trust the transgender community have in the police.

Gwent Police participate in the monthly Hate Crime and Community Tensions Board, run by the Welsh Government, which brings together police hate crime leads and support organisations to discuss hate crime trends and initiatives to tackle hate crime. As part of this, Gwent Police have previously supplied data to the Hate Hurts Wales campaign, which puts billboards in hate crime hotspots to encourage reporting to the police. We have also taken part in a joint training day, run by Victim Support, which brought together colleagues in police, health and the charity sector, to hear from victims of hate crime and discuss how we can work together to tackle hate.

Gwent Police's EDI team regularly attend community groups and events to help build trust and confidence between police and our communities. We inform people how to recognise and report hate, to us and to partner organisations. This includes trans people – we have visited LGBTQ+ support groups on many occasions and support Gwent and Cardiff Pride events every year.

Gwent Police work closely with Victim Support and Umbrella Cymru, and any victims of LGBT+ hate crime are able to be referred to these specialist organisations for support by our Victim Care Unit.

Gwent Police are members of the all-Wales LGBT+ staff network, which provides support for our trans staff and officers. Members of the network have marched in Pride Cymru, which helps the public to see that LGBT+ people, including trans people, are welcome in the police. This further helps to improve trust and confidence.

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.

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



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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.