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POLICE**



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

Could you please provide me with the number of Hate Crimes reported to Gwent Police during 1 Jan 2024 – 31 Dec 2024, broken down by:

- **Number (reported each Month)**
- **Type (Racial, Homophobic, Disability, Religious, Transphobic etc.)**

Can you further provide Hate Crimes (by Number and Type) per Blaenau Gwent Political Ward level or Police Beat Section.

RESPONSE

Could you please provide me with the number of Hate Crimes reported to Gwent Police during 1 Jan 2024 – 31 Dec 2024, broken down by:

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The below data is based on the recorded dates 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024.

<i>Hate Crimes by Racial Strand</i>						
Month / Type	Racial	Religious	Disability	Transphobic	Homophobic	Total
January	66	4	15	9	13	107
February	59	8	23	8	14	112
March	97	2	26	5	27	157
April	69	8	34	5	19	135
May	77	2	33	6	23	141
June	78	5	26	4	22	135
July	109	11	31	5	30	186
August	120	9	25	6	32	192
September	98	4	11	4	19	136
October	79	6	24	2	23	134
November	83	4	31	11	18	147
December	66	4	31	2	17	120
Grand Total	1001	67	310	67	257	1702

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Please note that the following exemption has been applied to this part of your request :

Section 40(2) Personal Information

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 40(2) Personal Information, of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Due to the low numbers, the chances of identification are extremely high. Information of this nature is the personal sensitive information of that individual.

To make a disclosure here would be in breach of the first GDPR data protection principle (DPA Act 2018) which is for data to be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently. Also, it may lead to the identification of individuals concerned or permit further information to be gleaned around the circumstances of each case. Gwent Police is withholding the information you have requested on the basis that the exemption contained in s 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act applies in that the information you have requested is personal data of third parties and the disclosure of the data would breach one of the principles contained in the Data Protection Act. The relevant principle is the first principle which states that:



Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and in particular shall not be processed unless –

(a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met and

(b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is met

It is only necessary to consider (a) in respect of the information requested. The relevant condition in Schedule 2 is condition 6 which states that:

"The processing is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by the data controller or by the third party or parties to whom the data are disclosed, except where the processing is unwarranted in any particular case by reason of prejudice to the rights and freedoms or legitimate interests of the data subject"

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

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.

ICO Contact Details:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.