



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

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Q1. The table below is based on crimes for domestic abuse recorded in 2020 to 2024. Please note that the data is based on the crime having a domestic abuse local qualifier linked.

Please note that offences are only classed as domestic offences where at least one victim and one offender linked to the offence is aged 16 or older. The data also includes the victims and offenders where the age is unknown, however, the data does not include those under the age of 16. This is in line with the definition of domestic abuse as stated in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 –

[Domestic Abuse Act 2021 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

Recorded Year	Domestic Abuse Offences
2020	8139
2021	8636
2022	8554
2023	8538
2024	8679
Total	42546

Q2. The data provided below is based on the number of victims linked to an offence with a 'Domestic Abuse' local qualifier attached in 2020 to 2024. Please note that the data may include one or more victim attached to each Crime and may also include repeat offences.

Please note under new legislation a new Domestic Abuse involvement type was introduced to capture when children were present at domestic incidents involving adults (over 16) which is DA Child present/DA Child not present. They are therefore considered to be victims in accordance with the new legislation but only in terms of safeguarding and victim support.



However, there is no filter to identify if there is a Child Victim under the new legislation. In order to find this information, a manual trawl would have to be completed on each offence within this time period. There are **42,546** such offences. It would take **4 minutes** to look through each record. This would take over **2,836+ hours** to complete and the following exemption 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.

Recorded Year	Victim's Gender				Total
	Female	Male	Unknown	Indeterminate	
2020	5988	2260	31	0	8279
2021	6517	2223	30	1	8771
2022	6572	2030	59	3	8664
2023	6427	2242	32	5	8706
2024	6479	2379	41	3	8902
Total	31983	11134	193	12	43322

Q3. The table below provides the number of domestic abuse offences recorded from 2020 to 2024 broken down by outcome. 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.

Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1: Charged	543	331	438	444	380
1: Summoned/postal requisition	67	59	61	61	15
1A: Alternate offence charged	168	133	133	62	66
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	27	25	10	11	2
2: Youth caution	2	0	0	0	0
2: Youth conditional caution	1	0	0	0	0



3: Adult caution	71	53	67	71	7
3: Adult conditional caution	2	12	8	18	11
3A: Alternate offence adult caution	18	18	12	4	0
3A: Alternate offence adult conditional caution	0	1	1	2	0
5: Offender has died	3	7	10	9	4
6: Penalty notice for disorder	4	5	0	0	0
8: Community resolution	47	57	27	90	121
8: Youth restorative disposal	4	7	6	3	2
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest	15	8	9	3	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	16	32	23	9	10
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	5	8	11	13	6
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	1	11	10	18	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	29	23	41	22	15
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	424	398	503	457	179
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	2018	2122	2324	3220	2808
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	4500	5120	4631	3599	2867
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	57	89	47	10	8
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	51	48	39	23	27
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	15	9	19	32	18
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	6	11	12	7	3
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further	26	22	14	11	5
Cancelled/transferred	2	2	3	2	0
New	17	24	90	331	2113
Other incident/Non-crime (specialist use only)	0	1	5	6	8
Total	8139	8636	8554	8538	8679



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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:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.