



## 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

Can you please provide me with the following information:

1. The total number of arrests where there was at least one offence relating to the Vagrancy Act 1824 shown on the custody record.
2. Can you provide a breakdown of the offences the arrests were made for under the Vagrancy Act 1824.
3. Can this be provided for the following periods:
  - A. 2020
  - B. 2021
  - C. 2022
  - D. 2023

### RESPONSE

Please find below a table for Arrest data under the Vagrancy Act, Home Office codes 182/00 – 183/00 – 185/00, for the years 2020 to 2023.

Please note that the data provided in this table is based on custody footfall, this means that if someone was arrested for multiple 'Vagrancy Offences' they will only be counted once as they were arrested once. If arrested for the same offence separate times they will be counted each time they came to custody.



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Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Begging in a public place (recordable), H596, VG24005, 182/00	7	3	1	0	11
Lodging in a barn / outhouse / unoccupied building / open air - Vagrancy Act 1824 (), H1673, VG24017, 183/00	0	0	1	0	1
Vagrant - being found in or upon enclosed premises (recordable), H2182, VG24018, 185/01	17	5	12	8	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>54</b>

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](mailto: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.**