



## 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 make the following Freedom of Information request:

- 1. How, if at all, has the process for recording stolen dogs (under the Theft Act) to abducted dogs (under the Pet Abduction Act) changed in 2024?**
- 2. What were the total number of dog theft crimes in 2024 (monthly breakdown if possible)?**
- 3. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft crime in 2024?**
- 4. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft crime in 2024?**
- 5. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can details about stolen dog breed, gender, age, and location of theft (walk, home, garden, outside shop, from car etc) also be provided for 2024 please?**
- 6. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can postcode of recorded crime and CRN be included?**

### RESPONSE

1. There has been no change to our processes as the latest correspondence from the Home Office was that it was being introduced in England and Northern Ireland in



August 2024 but there was no date known when it was going live in Wales. The theft/abduction of dogs are currently recorded under the most appropriate theft code within the Home Office Counting Rules.

2. A key word search of “dog” “puppies” and “puppy” have been searched within the crime summaries for the year 2024 under the crime categories “All other theft” and “Theft from the person”. Please note that the key word search is restricted to the summaries as a key word search of the full data log is not available. If the key word was not mentioned within the summaries, then it would not be highlighted for us to check.

The following table shows the number of crimes recorded broken down by month.

Month (2024)	
January	4
February	0
March	0
April	1
May	4
June	4
July	2
August	4
September	3
October	1
November	4
December	4

3. The table below shows the recorded outcomes. Please note that the outcome data provided is the outcome of the offence itself and not necessarily the outcome for the individual. 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 will not be correct.

Outcomes (2024)	
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	2
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	5
New	7
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	8
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	9

4. The following table shows the number of dogs reported as stolen within each crime.



Number of dogs stolen (2024)	
2 Dogs	3
1 Dog	28

5. The below table shows the breed of dog that were recorded within the log. If the dogs breed was not listed within the log this has not been included below.

Breeds of dog reported as stolen (2024)
American Bulldog
Beagle
Bichon
British Bulldog
Bulldog
Chihuahua
Crossbreed
German Shepherd
Pomsky
Shih tzu

There were two dogs recorded as being under one years old. The remaining logs did not state the dog's age.

The following table shows the location where the theft took place. If the log did not state the location of the theft this has been recorded as "not stated".

Location of Theft (2024)	
Work	1
Street	2
Walk	3
Not Stated	7
Garden	8
Home	10

6. The below table shows the crimes recorded broken down by neighbourhood instead of postcode. Please note, that we would never disclose crime reference numbers due to data protection.

Neighbourhood (2024)	
Newport City Centre	1
Newport East	1
Caerphilly Central	2
Newport West	3



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Torfaen	4
Blaenau Gwent	8

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Please note, every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete.

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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.**