



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

1. The total number of recorded cruelty to children/young person offences (Home Office offence code: 11A) for the periods 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
2. The total number of victims broken down by age (by individual year of age where possible otherwise please provide it grouped into: 0-5, 6-10, 11-15 and 16-17).

CLARIFICATION NEEDED FROM REQUESTOR 05/02/25

Please ask the requestor to check the Home Office Code as there is nothing listed under HO Code 11A.

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED FROM REQUESTOR 06/02/25

Thanks very much for getting back to me on this.

Please find attached the receipt of FOI that was sent through by Gwent Police last year. Would you please be able to review our initial request based on offence code 11/3 (cruelty to and neglect of children)?



RESPONSE

- 1. The total number of recorded cruelty to children/young person offences (Home Office offence code: 11A) for the periods 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.**

Please find below a table for Home Office code 11/3 Cruelty To & Neglect of Children for the periods 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. To provide this data we have searched under Home Office code 11/3 Cruelty To & Neglect of Children and filtered to time requested. Please note the below data may include more than one offender for any one crime.

Year	CRUELTY TO AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN 11/3
2023	114
2024	25
Total	139

- 2. The total number of victims broken down by age (by individual year of age where possible otherwise please provide it grouped into: 0-5, 6-10, 11-15 and 16-17).**

Please find below a table for Home Office code 11/3 Cruelty To & Neglect of Children for the periods 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. To provide this data we have searched under Home Office code 11/3 Cruelty To & Neglect of Children, filtered to time requested then filtered to Age Category. Please note any victims unknown or not recorded will not be included. Also, within this dataset there may be historical crimes that have been reported within the time scale.

Age Category	2023	2024	Total
0 - 5 years	45	12	57
6 - 10 years	46	5	51
11- 15 years	20	7	27
16- 17 years	3	1	4
Total	114	25	139

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

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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.

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.