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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 reported sextortion cases.**
2. **The number of victims who were under the age of 18.**
3. **A breakdown of the victims by gender.**
4. **The number of cases where the victim has died by suicide following the crime.**
5. **The number of cases where the victim has attempted suicide following the crime.**

11.02.25 Query to requestor

Please clarify if you would like a breakdown of all victims by gender of just those under the age of 18 ?

11.02.25 Requestor responds

We are looking at victims by gender AS WELL as those under the age of 18.



RESPONSE

Data correct as of 11/02/2025.

Q1. The table below provides the number of offences recorded between 2020 and 2024 with the keyword of 'sextortion' within the offence summaries. Please note that the keyword search is restricted to the summaries, as a keyword search of the full data log is not available. If they keyword was not mentioned with the summaries, then it would not be highlighted for us to check.

Recorded Date	Number of Offences with the keyword 'Sextortion' within the offence
2020	27
2021	50
2022	82
2023	115
2024	115
Total	389

Q2. Based on the offences recorded above, the table below provides the number of child victims that were linked to these offences. Please note that the data may include one or more victims attached to each crime. The data is dependent on the officer linking the victim, any victims unknown or not attached to the record will not be included within the table below.

Recorded Year	Child Victim
2020	3
2021	5
2022	23
2023	31
2024	34
Total	96

Q3. Based on the offences recorded in question 1, the tables below provide the number of victims that were linked to these offences broken down by gender. Please note that the data may include one or more victims attached to each crime. The data is dependent on the officer linking the victim, any victims unknown or not attached to the record will not be included within the table below.

Recorded Year	Adult Victims	
	Male	Female
2020	18	7



2021	41	3
2022	47	7
2023	60	16
2024	59	19
Total	225	52

Recorded Year	Child Victims		
	Male	Female	Unknown
2020	0	2	1
2021	4	1	0
2022	21	2	0
2023	28	2	1
2024	26	8	0
Total	79	15	2

Q4 & Q5. Unfortunately, questions 4 and 5 would be exempt on time as we would need to review each record individually to identify the number of victims that have died by suicide or have attempted suicide. It would take approximately 5-10 minutes to view each record.

389 records x 5 minutes per viewing /60 minutes = 32+ hours – therefore the following exemption has been 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.



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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.