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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:

Gwent Police are sending letters citing schedule 2 of PACE asking people to make appointments for fingerprints and biometrics. The letter gives people 14 days to comply and threatens arrest for noncompliance. How many of these letters have been sent?

REQUEST 2:

How many people have been arrested for noncompliance with the letter mentioned in question 1?

CLARIFICATION NEEDED FROM REQUESTOR 21/02/25

Please can you add a timeframe to your request, e.g. "How many of these letters have been sent *since January 2025*".

CLARIFICATION RECEIVED FROM REQUESTOR 21/02/25

I do not know when the use of this letter began. Can you provide data for calendar year 2024 and advise when the use of the letter began?

RESPONSE

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days to comply and threatens arrest for noncompliance. How many of these letters have been sent?

There were 165 letters generated in the calendar year 2024. Letters were first used from 2018.

How many people have been arrested for noncompliance with the letter mentioned in question 1?

No arrests have been made in respect of non-compliance of the instruction in the letter.

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.