



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 had read in a previous FOI disclosed by Gwent Police (FOI 2025/28124) that biometrics information of under 18s can be disclosed to private companies if legal conditions apply.

In relation to that, for the entire year of 2024, please provide a list of all organisations and private companies that had biometrics data shared with them from Gwent Police (regardless of the age of the individual).

For each organisation, please list.

- The total number of individuals who had biometric data shared with said organisation
- The total number of individuals under 18years who had biometrics shared with said organisation

In both instances, if deducing the 'number of individuals' requires too much work, I would be happy with 'the number of times that biometrics data was shared' instead.

RESPONSE

To clarify no images or data from facial recognition is shared – however information may be shared with statutory partners (social services) following an identification being made.

The data you have requested is not a mandatory requirement to record and therefore no data is held.



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.

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.