



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

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, how many breaches of restraining orders were recorded?

How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a no further action outcome?

How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a charge?

For 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, how many breaches of domestic violence protection orders were recorded?

How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a no further action outcome?

How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a charge?

If it is not possible to provide the information requested, please let me know how I can refine my request.

RESPONSE

Q1. The table below provides the number of breaches recorded in 2020 to 2024 for restraining orders broken down by calendar year. The offences that have been selected for this data are '*Breach of a Restraining Order*' and '*Breach of a Restraining Order issued on acquittal*'. Data correct as of 15/08/2025.



Year	Number of Breaches of Restraining Orders recorded
2020	247
2021	222
2022	195
2023	175
2024	240
Total	1079

Q2. The table below provides the number of breaches recorded for restraining orders with a 'No Further Action' outcome. The data included in the table is based on the following outcomes:

- Outcome 5: Offender has died
- Outcome 9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest
- Outcome 10: Police - formal action not in public interest
- Outcome 14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
- Outcome 15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
- Outcome 15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
- Outcome 16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
- Outcome 17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired
- Outcome 18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
- Outcome 20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy
- Outcome 21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest

Year	Number of Breaches of Restraining Orders recorded with a 'No Further Action' Outcome
2020	84
2021	112
2022	96
2023	87
2024	108
Total	487

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 won't be correct.

Q3. The table below provides the number of breaches recorded for restraining orders with a 'Charged' outcome.

Year	Number of Breaches of Restraining Orders recorded with a Charged Outcome
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2020	163
2021	110
2022	99
2023	87
2024	125
Total	584

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 won't be correct.

Q.3 – 6 - A researcher would need to check each OEL/court result and associated occurrences to see how many DVPOs breaches occurred. Between 2020 – 2024, 361 DVPOs have been issued. $361 \times 5 \text{ minutes to review} / 60 = 30+$ hours. Please find Section 12 applied below.

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.

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.



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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

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.