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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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act if possible? I am currently conducting academic research as part of my professional policing degree dissertation, which examines gendered approaches to policing, specifically focusing on the use of force and public perceptions.

I am looking for the following information for the most recent 12 month period:

The total number of use of force forms to be submitted by officers

A breakdown of these forms by the gender of the officer involved (i.e. number submitted by male officers and number submitted by female officers)

If available, a breakdown of the types of force used by gender (e.g. handcuffing, tac comms, baton use, Pava, etc)

RESPONSE

The following data has been pulled using all use of force forms recorded from August 1st 2024 to July 1st 2025. This data is accurate as of the 8th August 2025. Please note that while the below tables are broken down by officer gender, this is based on form submitted so an officer can submit multiple forms so may be counted multiple times.



Total
5744

Gender	Total
Female	1204
Male	4526
Not recorded	6
Other	8
Grand Total	5744

Please note that the below table shows all tactics that are recorded on a use of force form broken down by gender of officer. An officer can record multiple tactics on one form so one form may be counted multiple times.

Tactic used	Officer gender			
	F	M	Not recorded	Other
AEP Drawn	2	13	0	0
AEP Used	0	2	0	0
Baton Drawn	1	5	0	0
Baton Used	0	1	0	0
C.E.D (Taser)	52	346	0	1
Compliant Handcuffing	594	2331	3	4
Dog Bite	0	2	0	0
Dog Deployed	1	17	0	0
Firearms Aimed	2	29	0	0
Firearms Fired	0	0	0	0
Ground Restraint	125	435	1	1
Irritant Spray - CS Drawn	0	10	0	0
Irritant Spray - CS Used	4	11	0	0
Irritant Spray - PAVA Drawn	8	39	0	0
Irritant Spray - PAVA Used	26	96	0	1
Limb / Body Restraints	176	399	1	1
Non-Compliant Handcuffing	281	1117	2	0
Other / Improvised	113	388	0	0
Shield	0	2	0	0
Spit Guard	29	78	0	0
Unarmed Skills	214	1306	0	4
No Tactic Recorded	4	6	0	0
Total	1632	6633	7	12



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.