



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

How many injuries from dog attacks of any breed have there been in your police force area in the calendar year of 2025?

How many injuries from dog attacks from XL bullies have there been in your police force area in the calendar year of 2025?

If it is not possible to provide some of the data requested, I would be grateful if you could provide whichever elements of this FOI request are eligible for release.

RESPONSE

The following data has been pulled using all crimes recorded between the 1st January 2021 and the 7th December 2025 under the offence title of owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog. This data is accurate as of the 11th December 2025.

Year	Total
2021	320
2022	375
2023	426
2024	529
2025	479



Grand Total	2129
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The following table shows the above crimes where an XL bully has been noted in the MO as being involved. Please note that a manual trawl has been completed on the above crimes using the key word of XL bully. If this keyword was not mentioned in the MO summary, then it will not be included in the total.

XL Bully	
Year	Total
2023	24
2024	63
2025	27
Grand Total	114

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.