



## 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

Dear Information Team,

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to get data on arrests made under any section of the Public Order Act 2023. Specifically:

- How many arrests were made under the Public Order Act 2023 during protests?
- What did those arrests lead to?
  - No further action
  - Release on bail
  - Release on investigation
  - Charged
- Of the arrests, how many were from an environmental protest (local and/or national/international groups)? It would be ideal if you could mention the protest group every time it is an environmental protest.

Can you please share the data in an excel spreadsheet, giving data for each point mentioned above and for every month between May 2023 and the month when you reply to this.

I am happy to clarify my request if needed.

### RESPONSE



**Please note we are unable to disclose Freedom of Information requests via Excel.**

I would like to get data on arrests made under any section of the Public Order Act 2023. Specifically:

- How many arrests were made under the Public Order Act 2023 during protests?

**Please find below a table for Public Order Offences relating to 'Protest' from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Please note if the year is not included within the table, then no offences occurred for this specific offence. To avoid an exemption a keyword search has been completed on the crime summaries of all crimes recorded in 2023 – 2025 where the offence had been categorised as Public Order Offences. The following terms were used in this search: Protest.**

Crime Category - Protest	2024	2025	2025
	Jan	Jun	Aug
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	2	1	2

- What did those arrests lead to?
  - No further action
  - Release on bail
  - Release on investigation
  - Charged

**Of the arrests directly linked to the above crimes, 4 arrests lead to No Further Action and 1 is currently being investigated.**

- Of the arrests, how many were from an environmental protest (local and/or national/international groups)? It would be ideal if you could mention the protest group every time it is an environmental protest.

**Our records show 0 results for Environmental protests.**

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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](mailto: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.**