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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

Request 1:

Please provide data on use of Section 60AA Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 powers in your police force area from January 2017 to the date of this request, including:

- Number of authorisations issued under s.60AA
- Number of individuals required to remove face coverings
- Number of arrests for failure to comply
- Any equality-monitoring data recorded (sex, age, ethnicity, religion or belief, disability)
- If possible, please indicate which instances were connected to protests or public assemblies

Request 2:

Please provide the following information for your police force area relating to Section 11 of the Public Order Act 2023 (“suspicionless” stop and search authorisations):

1. Number of Section 11 authorisations made since commencement.
2. For each authorisation, please provide (if held):
 - Date and time period of authorisation
 - Geographic area covered
 - Number of people searched



- Number of arrests made as a result

3. Aggregate equality-monitoring data (if recorded): Sex, Age group, Ethnicity, Religion or belief, Disability.

If no authorisations have been used, please confirm this. If data are not held in an easily retrievable format, please provide what is available and state any gaps.

RESPONSE

There are 0 records recorded under 60AA Criminal Justice and Public Order Act and Section 11 of the Public Order Act from January 2017 – November 2025.

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.