



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

Does your force offer training focused on building rapport and adopting trauma-informed practices during victim interviews?

Which personnel within the force are eligible to receive this training?

Are there any PowerPoint presentations or training documents associated with this training that you could provide?

RESPONSE

The name of the training programme:

Achieving Best Evidence

Whether it is delivered internally or by an external provider:

Internal

The duration of the training and frequency of refreshers:

2 Week Course

Whether the training is mandatory or optional:

Mandatory for Detectives / Optional for Response Officers

The name of the training programme:

Risk Management / PIPPA/ Childs Voice (currently under construction – to be delivered December 2026)



Whether it is delivered internally or by an external provider:

Internal

The duration of the training and frequency of refreshers:

1 day course – to be delivered on a Force Training Day

Whether the training is mandatory or optional:

Mandatory for all officers

The name of the training programme:

PIP2 Course

Whether it is delivered internally or by an external provider:

Internal

The duration of the training and frequency of refreshers:

4-week course

Whether the training is mandatory or optional:

Mandatory for all CID officers

The name of the training programme:

SOLO (Sexual Offence Liaison Officer)

Whether it is delivered internally or by an external provider:

Internal and External

The duration of the training and frequency of refreshers:

2 Week Course (80hours)

Whether the training is mandatory or optional:

Optional

Are there any PowerPoint presentations or training documents associated with this training that you could provide?

We can confirm that the Force holds information that you have asked for, but in this case, we will not be providing it to you as it is exempt from disclosure.

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at section 41(b) of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

We are not obliged to provide information that has been provided in confidence to the Force.

The terms of the section 41 exemption in the Freedom of Information Act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.



You can find out more about Section 41 by reading the extract from the Act and some guidance points we consider when applying this exemption, attached at the end of this letter.

You can also find more information by reading the full text of the Act, available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/41>

In addition, the below exemption also applies.

Section 40(2) Personal Information

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 40(2) Personal Information, of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Gwent Police is withholding the information you have requested on the basis that the exemption contained in s 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act applies in that the information you have requested is personal data of third parties and the disclosure of the data would breach one of the principles contained in the Data Protection Act. The relevant principle is the first principle which states that:

Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and in particular shall not be processed unless –

(a) at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met and

(b) in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is met

It is only necessary to consider (a) in respect of the information requested. The relevant condition in Schedule 2 is condition 6 which states that:

"The processing is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by the data controller or by the third party or parties to whom the data are disclosed, except where the processing is unwarranted in any particular case by reason of prejudice to the rights and freedoms or legitimate interests of the data subject"

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.

ICO Contact Details:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: www.ico.org.uk

Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.