



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

The IC has issued Kent Police with a reprimand over the uploading of personal information onto the social media app Telegram. The reprimand includes:

'At the time of the ICO's investigation it was stated that there were a total of 241 Group members, with Kent Police making up almost 10% of the membership.'

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1. Please provide information on the number of officers from your force who were members of the Telegram group.
2. Please provide details of any disciplinary action you have taken against these officers.
3. Please provide the number of individuals who had their personal information uploaded onto Telegram by officers from your force.



RESPONSE

1. Please provide information on the number of officers from your force who were members of the Telegram group.

Zero

2. Please provide details of any disciplinary action you have taken against these officers.

Not applicable

3. Please provide the number of individuals who had their personal information uploaded onto Telegram by officers from your force.

Not applicable

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

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.