

# 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, **Section1 (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**

We are writing to make an amended and refined request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the custody records for arrests under sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 alongside, in each case, the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested, and the ethnicity of the persons arrested.

Please could you provide the requested information for both of the following time periods:

- January 2017 May 2022 (inclusive); and
- June July 2024 (inclusive).

Please could you also provide the custody records for arrests under (i) s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and (ii) the Public Order Act 2023 alongside the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested, and the ethnicity of the persons arrested.

## Further clarification received.

Please supply data for 'Any public order or public nuisance offences.'

Provide the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested, and the ethnicity of the persons arrested. Please could you provide the requested information for both of the following time periods:

January 2017 – May 2022 (inclusive); and



June – July 2024 (inclusive).

Please could you also provide the custody records for arrests under (i) s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and (ii) the Public Order Act 2023 alongside the age grouping of the persons arrested, the gender of the persons arrested, and the ethnicity of the persons arrested.

## **RESPONSE**

Please note the system used for custody Data extraction only goes back to 2020 and therefore accordingly this response uses data from January 2020.

We have therefore retrieved data for the following categories:

- 1. Public Order Offences: January 2020 to May 2022 2726 results. See spreadsheet 'Final data Public Order Offences Jan 20 May 2022'.
- 2. Public Order Offences: June to July 2024 236 results. See spreadsheet 'Final data June July Public Order Offences'.
- 3. Public nuisance offences: Jan 2020 to May 2022 35 results. See spreadsheet 'Final Nuisance Offence data Jan 2020 May 2022'.
- 4. Public nuisance offences: June to July 2024 3 results. See spreadsheet 'Final Nuisance Offence data June to July 2024'.
- 5. Arrests under s.78 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 1 result for period June to July 2024 (nil return for January 2020 to May 2022). See spreadsheet 'Final data June-July 2024 s78 PCSA'.
- 6. Arrests under the Public Order Act 2023 nil return for both timeframes, therefore no spreadsheet related to this offence is attached.

All data was extracted from the Qlik Custody App on 30/09/24.

Relevant offences have been identified using HO codes and Crime offence groups.

While Public Order Offences are arranged as an offence group, public nuisance offences are not and therefore all relevant offences which include the wording 'public nuisance' in their offence title have been included in separate spreadsheets.

Wherever an offence might feature in more than one spreadsheet (e.g. some offences that include 'public nuisance' in their offence title are classified as Public Order Offences) this has been clearly labelled on the spreadsheets.



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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

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.