



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

How many arrests were made in your force area for each of the following offences:

- Soliciting for prostitution
- Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography
- Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography
- Exploitation of prostitution
- Brothel Keeping

Please can I have the total number of arrests for each offence for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and so far in 2024.

Please can the data be broken down into the number of women arrested and the number of men.

Please can you tell me what the outcome type was (charged; not in the public interest; evidential issues etc) for each arrest.



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RESPONSE

Please note there is a **nil return** for cause/incite a child for prostitution/pornography.

Please note that the data provided in this table is based on custody footfall, this means that if someone was arrested for multiple offences they will only be counted once as they were arrested once. If arrested for the same offence separate times they will be counted each time they came to custody.

The offences used for are: Cause/incite prostitution for gain, common prostitute soliciting in street or public place, control prostitution for gain, keep/manage a brothel used for prostitution pay/promise to pay for sexual services for self/another of a prostitute subjected to exploitative conduct, solicit another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services as a prostitute in a street/public place.

Gwent Police sees the use of adult sex-workers as exploitation and seeks to engage with vulnerable adults, whilst working with partners to reduce this type of exploitation. Gwent Police does not seek to prosecute vulnerable adults who are engaged with this activity, but support them with a view to reducing the opportunities for them to be exploited.

Please see the table below for the number of people arrested (footfall) broken down by gender and year.



Female Subjects	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CAUSE / INCITE PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN - SOA 2003 (RECORDABLE)	0	1	0	0	0	0
COMMON PROSTITUTE SOLICITING IN STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE (RECORDABLE)	0	0	1	0	0	0
CONTROL PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN - SOA 2003 (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	2	0
KEEP / MANAGE A BROTHEL USED FOR PROSTITUTION (RECORDABLE)	1	0	0	0	0	0
PAY / PROMISE TO PAY FOR SEXUAL SERVICES FOR SELF / ANOTHER OF A PROSTITUTE SUBJECTED TO EXPLOITATIVE CONDUCT (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLICIT ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THEIR SEXUAL SERVICES AS A PROSTITUTE IN A STREET / PUBLIC PLACE (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Male Subjects	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CAUSE / INCITE PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN - SOA 2003 (RECORDABLE)	1	0	0	0	3	0
COMMON PROSTITUTE SOLICITING IN STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTROL PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN - SOA 2003 (RECORDABLE)	1	10	0	2	3	0
KEEP / MANAGE A BROTHEL USED FOR PROSTITUTION (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAY / PROMISE TO PAY FOR SEXUAL SERVICES FOR SELF / ANOTHER OF A PROSTITUTE SUBJECTED TO EXPLOITATIVE CONDUCT (RECORDABLE)	1	0	5	0	0	0
SOLICIT ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THEIR SEXUAL SERVICES AS A PROSTITUTE IN A STREET / PUBLIC PLACE (RECORDABLE)	0	35	19	3	11	1

Unknown Gender Subjects	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CAUSE / INCITE PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN - SOA 2003 (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMMON PROSTITUTE SOLICITING IN STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTROL PROSTITUTION FOR GAIN - SOA 2003 (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEEP / MANAGE A BROTHEL USED FOR PROSTITUTION (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAY / PROMISE TO PAY FOR SEXUAL SERVICES FOR SELF / ANOTHER OF A PROSTITUTE SUBJECTED TO EXPLOITATIVE CONDUCT (RECORDABLE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLICIT ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THEIR SEXUAL SERVICES AS A PROSTITUTE IN A STREET / PUBLIC PLACE (RECORDABLE)	0	1	0	0	0	0

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.