



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

Summary: Drivers without insurance

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding information on uninsured drivers in your area.

Specifically, I'd like to request information on the following:

1. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?
2. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?
3. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?
4. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?

Please provide this as an Excel spreadsheet (or similar format).

Please let me know if you would like further information or clarification on this request.

Thank you for your help in this enquiry.



RESPONSE

1. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?

457

2. How many drivers were caught to be driving without an insured vehicle in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?

317

3. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023?

4. The number of road accidents/collisions caused by uninsured drivers in your district from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024?

In order to establish the above data a researcher would need to carry out a manual trawl of each record (in 2023 / 2024 there were 2909 alone) taking approx 4 mins per record to check $2909 \times 4 \text{ mins} = 193 \text{ hrs}$ therefore the following exemption has been applied:

Section 12 – Excess Cost

The exemption applicable to the information you have requested for this question can be found at Section 12(1) of the Act and this refusal notice is issued under Section 17.

Section 12(1) “does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

In the case of a police force, the appropriate limit is set at £450, which is calculated at £25 per hour (i.e. 18 hours). Gwent Police would have to conduct a manual search to find and extract the information for this question. This would take more than 18 hours of staff time therefore we are unable to answer this question and the exemption is engaged.

We appreciate that you may be disappointed on this occasion that we are unable to provide the requested information. However under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have a duty to assist you in relation to refining your request, where we may be able to answer some of your questions.

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:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.