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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

Please may you provide me with:

- The number of arrests your force has made under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988. Can this data be broken down by calendar year, from 2017 to the most recent available year. Please provide the information electronically in Excel format.

RESPONSE

Please may you provide me with:

- The number of arrests your force has made under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988. Can this data be broken down by calendar year, from 2017 to the most recent available year. Please provide the information electronically in Excel format.

The system used for data extraction only goes back to 2020. Therefore, we have provided the arrest dates 01/01/2020 to 31/10/2025.

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



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| Communications Act Arrests | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Year | Total |
| 2020 | 183 |
| 2021 | 144 |
| 2022 | 172 |
| 2023 | 251 |
| 2024 | 197 |
| 2025 | 142 |
| Grand Total | 1089 |

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:

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.