

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Statistics

	2018/19	%		2019/20	%		2020/21	%		2021/22	%	
FOIA REQUESTS												
Number of requests received	24			28			29			64		
Number of requests where queries were sent by the OPCC where no reply was received from the requester	2	8%		0	0%		2	7%		2	3	
Number of requests where queries were sent by the OPCC and as a result the request was passed to Gwent Police	-	-		-	-		1	3%		-	-	
Number of requests to the OPCC where information was provided in full (this appears relatively low due to the high volume of requests received being for information not held by the OPCC)	3	13%		4	14%		7	24%		8	12%	
Number of requests where information was partly provided	1	4%		9	32%		5	17%		12	19%	
Number of requests where information was not held/refused (the majority of requests received by the OPCC were for information held by Gwent Police)	13	54%		15	54%		14	49%		42	66%	
Number of requests considered to be vexatious where no response was required	1 request made vexatious. 5 additional requests linked to vexatious request made and not answered	21%		0	0%		0	0%		0	0%	
Average number of days taken to respond to a request	8	-		10	-		6	-		5	-	
Number & Percentage of requests responded to within 20 days	24	100%		27	96%		29	100%		64	100%	
							1 additional request was received jointly by Gwent Police and the OPCC. Gwent Police responded to the request on behalf of both organisations therefore no statistics are available			1 additional request was received which was directed to call handling as did not fall within FOI legislation.		
							1 additional request received was meant for Essex Police. A response was sent notifying the requester of their error.					
Number of appeals received	1			0	-		0	-		0	-	
Percentage of requests resulting in appeal	4%			0%	-		0%	-		0%	-	
Average number of days taken to respond to an appeal	19			0	-		0	-		0	-	

Number of appeals upheld	0		0	-	0	-	0	-
Number of appeals not upheld	1	100%	0	-	0	-	0	-
Number of appeals sent to ICO by requester	0		0	-	0	-	0	-
REQUEST THEMES								
Themes of requests	IT Use of software Finance Budgets, Staff Costs		Finance (OPCC salaries/grant funding) Policy (Various policies/procedures)		OPCC Staff (Job titles, role clarity) Finance (OPCC salaries/grant funding)		OPCC (Running costs/staff salaries) Procurement and Commissioning (Specific contract and funding information) Gwent Police (Information relating to incidents/crimes)	
Reason for Refusal	Number of times used 2018/19		Number of times used 2019/20		Number of times used 2020/21		Number of times used 2021/22	
No information held by the OPCC (sign posted to another organisation if known)	6		14		14		39	
S8 - Request not valid	3		1 - reminder to use a name to sign off a request was issued – request not refused as name was in email address		0		0	
S12 - Time/cost limit exceeded	0		1		0		1	
S14 - Request made vexatious	1		0		0		0	
S21 - Information accessible by other means	1		0		0		0	
S22 - Information intended for future publication	0		0		0		1	
S23 - Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters	1		0		0		0	
S24 - National security	1		0		0		1*	
S26 – Defence	0		0		0		0	
S27 - International relations	0		0		0		0	
S28 - Relations within the United Kingdom	0		0		0		0	
S29 - The economy	0		0		0		0	
S30 - Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	0		0		0		0	
S31 - Law enforcement	1		0		0		1*	
S32 - Court records, etc	0		0		0		0	
S33 - Audit functions	0		0		0		0	
S34 - Parliamentary privilege	0		0		0		0	
S35 – Formulation of government policy etc	0		0		0		0	
S36 - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	0		0		0		0	
S37 - Communications with Her Majesty, etc and honours	0		0		0		0	
S38 - Health and Safety	0		0		0		1*	
S40(1) - Applicant's own personal information	0		0		0		0	

S40(2) - Personal information of other people	0	1 – used to redact personal information from a document that was provided	0	0
S40(5) – Neither confirm nor deny personal information is held	0		0	
S41 - Information provided in confidence	0		0	
S42 - Legal professional privilege	0		0	
S43 - Commercial interests	0		0	
S44 - Prohibitions on disclosure	0		0	

N.B. Multiple exemptions were used in response to 1 FOI request where * is used.