

21 November 2016

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20161339

REQUEST

1. For each of the following calendar years a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014, d) 2015 and e) 2016 so far, please state the total number of incidents reported to your force which were flagged as being mental health related (opened with a mental health code / given a mental health qualifier).

2. For each of the following calendar years a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014, d) 2015 and e) 2016 so far, please state the total number of people detained by officers in your force under section 135 or 136 of the Mental Health Act (1983).

3. For each yearly total in question 2 (a-e) please:

- a) State the total number aged under 18**
- b) State the total number aged under 15**
- c) iii State the total number aged 65 or over**
- d) iv State the age of the youngest detained**
- e) v State the age of the oldest detained**

RESPONSE

1. I contacted our Incident Management System Administrator for assistance with this part of your request. He advised that the incident type 'Mental Health' was removed from use in 2008.

The Mental Health 'qualifier' is only available on the live system (approximately 13 months from view date) - it is not available in the archive database. With this in mind, a search was carried out for records with a Mental Heal qualifier from 21st October 2015 to 14th November 2016. The results are:

- * 2015 = 1279
- * 2016 = 6430

2. I then contacted our Custody Handling System Administrator for assistance with the number of detentions. She advised the CHS does not have a flag for Mental Health Act arrests, so has looked for data based on the Free Text Reason for arrest containing any keyword which would confirm section 135/136 of the Mental Health Act.

Please note the arrest reason suggesting MHA does not confirm they went through the full detention as such. With this in mind the numbers are:

- 2012 = 172
- 2013 = 200
- 2014 = 138
- 2015 = 102
- 2016 = 41 (to 15 November 2016)

3. The response to Q3a – 3c:

AGE	2012	2013	2014
15	1	2	
16	1	3	3
17		4	3

72	1		
74		1	

3 Youngest/Oldest: 2012 = 15/72, 2013 = 5/74, 2014 = 16/59, 2015 = 18/60, 2016 = 18/56