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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 2018002

REQUEST

I would like to be provided with the following data:

1. Total s136 to police cells at your force from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017
2. Total s136 to police cells (aged under 18) at your force from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017
3. Total s136 to health-based places of safety at your force from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017
4. Total s136 to health based places of safety (aged under 18) at your force from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017
5. Total use of s136 at your force from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017
6. Total use of s136 (aged under 18) at your force from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

RESPONSE

I approached our Custody Handling System (CHS) Analyst for assistance with your request. This system records details relating to arrests and detainees held in custody. She conducted a search of the system using the criteria above and provided the raw data from which the following answers have been extracted.

Please also note the following caveat:

There are no specific tags for Section 136 so the data has been extracted with any variation of Section 136/Mental health being entered in the free text reason for arrest field. The offences and age of the detainee have also been added to identify u18s. These numbers are those brought and booked into a Custody system.

- 1 42 Custody Suite
- 2 1 Custody Suite
- 3 No information held – data only available for those brought to a custody suite
- 4 No information held – data only available for those brought to a custody suite
- 5 No information held – data only available for those brought to a custody suite
- 6 No information held – data only available for those brought to a custody suite