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Date: 01 July 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021/551

Reply contact name is: Ellie James

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29 June 2021 concerning Under 18's detained under S136 of the Mental Health Act.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and having consulted our Partnership Sergeant for Mental Health I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

For each of the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, and the period 01/01/2021-29/06/2021 please provide:

1. How many children (aged under 18) were held in police custody under section 136 of the Mental Health Act.
2. For each, please provide a breakdown, giving their gender, age, and the length of time they were held in custody (in hours and minutes if known), and whether the place of safety was a police station, healthcare setting, other, or N/A.

Our response:

1. How many children (aged under 18) were held in police custody under section 136 of the Mental Health Act

0 under 18's detained and held in Police Custody Suites for **all years**.

Please see tables below for those that have been detained and held in Health-based places of safety.



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2. For each, please provide a breakdown, giving their gender, age, and the length of time they were held in custody (in hours and minutes if known), and whether the place of safety was a police station, healthcare setting, other, or N/A.

2018		2019		2020		2021	
Age	Gender	Age	Gender	Age	Gender	Age	Gender
16	M	16	M	15	F	17	F
16	F	14	F	15	F	17	M
15	F	15	F	17	M	17	M
16	M	17	M	17	F	17	F
16	F	15	F	17	F	11	F
16	M	16	F	17	F	15	F
13	M	17	M	17	F	16	F
17	F	16	F	17	F		
Total	8	Total	12	Total	7	Total	7

Please note; as the individuals above were held in **heath-based places of safety**, Wiltshire Police do not hold data on how long they were detained for.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie James
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure, details can be found on the following page.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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