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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 8th July 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 554

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th June 2021 concerning people detained by the Force under 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 Business Performance and Mental Health Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for data on people detained by the force under the Mental Health Act.

For the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 financial years, please tell me:

- 1) The number of people detained under the Mental Health Act, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity

	Officer defined Race					
Fiscal Year	White	Black	Unknown	Other	Asian	Grand Total
2019-2020	285	12	12	1	5	315
2020-2021	301	9	17		6	333
Grand Total	586	21	29	1	11	648



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

- 2) The type of vehicle officers used to transport those detained to a place of safety, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity. Please split these by ambulance, police vehicle, other health vehicle, other, not known, or none (already at a place of safety).

	Officer defined Race					
Fiscal Year	White	Black	Unknown	Other	Asian	Grand Total
2019-2020	285	12	12	1	5	315
Ambulance	202	11	10	1	3	227
Not recorded	23		1		2	26
Police	60	1	1			62
2020-2021	301	9	17		6	333
Ambulance	252	6	14		5	277
Not recorded	14	2	2			18
Police	31	1	1		1	34
None already at place of safety	4					4
Grand Total	586	21	29	1	11	648

- 3) The place of safety used for those detained, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity. Please split these by police station, A&E, private home, health-based place of safety, other, and not known.

	Place of Safety			
	Health based place of safety	Custody	A&E	
Fiscal Year				Grand Total
2019-2020	314	1		315
White	284	1		285
Black	12			12
Unknown	12			12
Other	1			1
Asian	5			5
2020-2021	326	1	6	333
White	296	1	4	301
Black	8		1	9
Unknown	17			17
Asian	5		1	6
Grand Total	640	2	6	648

- 4) For those people transported using a police vehicle, please specify whether an ambulance was requested, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity.

	Police Transport				
Fiscal Year	Amb not requested by police	Appropriate following joint risk assessment	Not recorded	Police convey as amb unable to attend within 30 mins	Grand Total
2019-2020	5	15	5	37	62
White	5	15	5	35	60
Unknown				1	1
Black				1	1
2020-2021	4	8		22	34
White	3	8		20	31
Unknown	1				1
Black				1	1
Asian				1	1
Grand Total	9	23	5	59	96

- 5) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please specify the reason for the police station being used, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity. For instance in England, officers may take a person to a police station as a place of safety if they are over 18 and their behaviour poses an imminent risk of serious injury or death to that person or others (abbreviated in Home Office data as 'conditions in Regulations were met').
- 6) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please provide a breakdown of their officer perceived ethnicity and the duration in hours of their stay in the police station.
- 7) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please provide a count of those who were arrested for committing an offence, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity.

Fiscal Year	Ethnicity	First Place of Safety	Circumstances around detention	Duration of stay in Police Station	Arrest Reason
2019-2020	1: White	Custody	Conditions in regulations met	11.5 Hours	Public order offences and assaulting police
2020-2021	1: White	Custody	Conditions in regulations met	12.5 Hours	ABH and threats to kill

Please Note :-

In respect of the two individuals (above) that were detained and taken to a Police Station in needs to be noted that the reason they were taken to a Station was that they committed offences, NOT primarily because their behavior or demeanour was a cause for concern.

It was only after their arrests and during their period(s) in detention that their behavior caused subsequent referrals under The Mental Health Act.

For all ethnicity breakdowns, please use Home Office/ONS categorisations. These consist of 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', and 'Other'. Please include Chinese persons in the category of Other.

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,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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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 Fol 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
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