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Our ref: FOI 2021/046

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/01/2022 concerning children detained 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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. For each month between and including March 2019 and December 2021, please provide the number of detentions of children (under 18) detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983
2. The total number of individual children detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act during the following periods:
 - a. 28/02/2019 to 29/02/2020
 - b. 01/03/2020 to 01/03/2021
3. In reference to question (1), for each detention can you provide:
 - a. The month and year of the detention (MM/YYYY)
 - b. Did the detention take place outside 'working hours' (weekends and 5pm-9am weekdays)?
 - c. The age of the child (broken down into the following bands to avoid potential identification):
 - i. 0-5
 - ii. 5-11



iii. 12-15

iv. 16-17

d. The gender of the child

e. The reason for detention (suicidality, self-harm, etc.)

f. Was it a detention of a child looked after by a local authority? (if known)

g. Where did the detention take place:

h. Accident and emergency department

ii. A paediatric ward

iii. A “place of safety” at a mental health trust

iv. Other

i. For how long was the person detained by a police officer?

Response

We do not hold information on F or I. The answers for Q have been gathered using data for the first place of safety that the children were taken to.

Date	Age range0-5 ii. 5-11 iii. 12-15 iv. 16-17	Gender	Reason for detention	Location	First placed of safety	Time of Detention
Jun-19	16-17	M	Unusual behaviour	public road / street	Designated health based POS	22:10
Jun-19	12-15	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	19:42
Jul-19	12-15	F	Suicidal	road bridge	Designated health based POS	20:22
Jul-19	12-15	F	Suicidal	railway bridge	Designated health based POS	17:32
Aug-19	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	00:18
Sep-19	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	00:31
Sep-19	16-17	M	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	03:40
Oct-19	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	20:55
Nov-19	16-17	M	Suicidal	railway bridge	Designated health based POS	05:47
Dec-19	16-17	M	Suicidal	railway bridge	Designated health based POS	05:00
Dec-19	16-17	F	Suicidal	road bridge	Designated health based POS	23:54
Feb-20	12-15	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	21:46
Mar-20	12-15	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	17:03
May-20	16-17	M	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	01:57
May-20	16-17	F	Suicidal	Motorway	Designated health based POS	19:41
May-20	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	16:50
Sep-20	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Emergency Dept.	23:06
Sep-20	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Emergency Dept.	03:32
Jan-21	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	04:17
Jan-21	16-17	M	Unusual behaviour	police station	Designated health based POS	18:38
Feb-21	16-17	M	Suicidal	Car Park	Designated health based POS	04:24
Mar-21	16-17	F	Unusual behaviour	railway line	Designated health based POS	22:42
Mar-21	5-11	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	17:00
Apr-21	12-15	F	Suicidal	Car Park	Designated health based POS	00:11
Apr-21	16-17	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	00:34
May-21	12-15	F	Suicidal	public road / street	Designated health based POS	14:00
Jul-21	16-17	M	Suicidal	public road / street	Emergency Dept.	22:48
Nov-21	16-17	M	Unusual behaviour	police station	Designated health based POS	15:54

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

Force 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.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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>