



FOI ref no: 14489

29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Freedom of Information request: reference 14489, first notified to us by email on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as detailed below:

1. *Number of 999 calls received for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, by year, from 2010 until now.*
2. *The number of instances where police officers have had to restrain someone who they believed to be experiencing a mental health crisis, by year, from 2010 until now.*
  - a. *Please provide this data broken down by ethnicity (IC Code).*
3. *The number of times police officers have used Section 136 powers under the Mental Health Act, by year, from 2010 until now.*
  - a. *Please provide this data broken down by ethnicity (IC Code).*

*Please provide the data in a table format*

*CLARIFICATION RECEIVED ON 20/06/22*

*Please do provide information on all mental health tagged incidents.*

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

On behalf of Staffordshire Police I wish to advise you that whilst I can confirm that Staffordshire Police does hold the information requested, the force claims the provision under Section 12(1) of the Act (where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit). 'Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

This is because there is no easy retrievable system to extract data to answer question 2. There are over 50,000 records in the time frame requested which would need individually reviewing to identify whether or not a person had been restrained and to also identify their ethnicity. To achieve this task would exceed the 18 hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act.

To assist in refining your request, data can be provided in full for question 1. Data can also be provided for question 3 and 3a for self-defined ethnicity however this data is only held in financial years from April 2017 to March 2022.



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**POLICE**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

[foi@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:foi@staffordshire.police.uk)

Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ  
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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