

18 September 2024

FOI Ref 17117

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to know Staffordshire Police figures for the following –

- How many mental health-related incidents were recorded by your police force in 2015?
- How many detentions were made by officers under s136 Mental Health Act during 2015?
- How many mental health-related incidents were recorded by your police force in 2023?
- How many detentions were made by officers under s136 Mental Health Act during 2023?

We received your request on 01/08/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

- How many mental health-related incidents were recorded by your police force in 2015? – **Information held.**
- How many detentions were made by officers under s136 Mental Health Act during 2015? – **No information held.**
- How many mental health-related incidents were recorded by your police force in 2023? – **Information held.**
- How many detentions were made by officers under s136 Mental Health Act during 2023? – **Information held.**

Staffordshire Police discloses the following information.

- How many mental health-related incidents were recorded by your police force in 2015? – **Disclosed, 4,259.**
- How many mental health-related incidents were recorded by your police force in 2023? – **Disclosed, 7,441.**
- How many detentions were made by officers under s136 Mental Health Act during 2023? – **Disclosed, for the financial year 2023/24 there were 544 detentions under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act.**



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Please note that we record detentions under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act by financial year, not calendar year.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

You may find the information you are seeking for detentions made under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act by contacting the NHS. Please see: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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

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