

17 October 2024

FOI Ref 17315

Request - You asked us the following:

Original request:

- The number of mental health related 999 calls the force received, from 01/01/2018 – 30/07/2024.
- The number of mental health related 999 calls to which your force responded from 01/01/2018 – 30/07/2024.
- Detainments under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983, from May 2020 to 30/07/2024.
- Has your force introduced Right Care, Right Person as a policy?
- If so, when was it introduced? If not, are any plans for it to be introduced?

Refined request:

Thank you for this response. For the figures you've provided, are you able to supply them split by month? If that isn't possible, split by year?

The figures I mean are the following -

- 3,859 mental health related 999 calls the force received, from 01/01/2018 – 30/07/2024.
- 2,274 mental health related 999 calls to which your force responded from 01/01/2018 – 30/07/2024.
- 2,253 detainments under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983, from May 2020 to 30/07/2024.

We received your request on 02/10/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Please find below our response.

Staffordshire Police holds the following requested information.

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- 3,859 mental health related 999 calls the force received, from 01/01/2018 – 30/07/2024.– **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17315 Refinement of FOI 17215 Data.PDF'.**
- 2,274 mental health related 999 calls to which your force responded from 01/01/2018 – 30/07/2024.– **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17315 Refinement of FOI 17215 Data.PDF'.**
- 2,253 detainments under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983, from May 2020 to 30/07/2024. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17315 Refinement of FOI 17215 Data.PDF'.**

Please note that there have been some amendments to our searches for mental health related emergency calls since providing the data for FOI 17215. This has created a discrepancy between the two data sets, so therefore please disregard the original data provided in FOI 17215.

Please also note that data relating to detainments under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act is only held by financial year. Therefore, we have provided data from April 2020 to March 2024. The data is also only held by full year, and cannot be broken down by month.

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. Additional incidents may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

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.

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

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