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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 10 August 2021

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I write further to your request for information received 14/07/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you tell me how many children under the age of 18 have spent time in police custody over the past five years while awaiting mental health treatment.

Please give a total number for each year, and please state the age of the child, how long they spent in custody and what the outcome was i.e. charged, released without charge, receiving treatment.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

The adding of a Mental Health flag does not guarantee that a person is "awaiting treatment", just that the Officer completing the Niche record considers that there were mental health considerations in relation to the person.

No one under 18 has been detained under section 136 since the introduction of Niche in April 2015.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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