



Our Ref: 002408/21

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 05 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 could you tell me how many times police cells were used as a 'place of safety' for adult patients sectioned under the mental health act for each month between (and including) January 2017 and June 2021?

For each month, please could you tell me both the average amount of time and the maximum amount of time that individual patients were kept in police cells?

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: -

Leicestershire Police have recorded the below numbers of times where custody has been used as a 'Place of Safety' for an adult detained under the Mental Health Act in the time period requested:

Below is the amount of times custody has been used as a POS for adults who are detained under the Mental Health Act.

2016/17 – 1

2017/18 – 3

2018/19 – 20

2019/20 – 0

2020/21 – 0

2021/22 (up to August 2021) – 0

N.B. Information prior to 2019/20 was not recorded on a monthly basis and as such we are only able to provide the full yearly figures.

The month to month data was not recorded at that point by our department, however the yearly figure has been provided.

Leicestershire Police do not keep a record of the average or the maximum amount of time a person has been kept in custody whilst detained under the Mental Health Act.

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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