

Request Reference: 5423/14

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. The data concerns street triage projects for mental health, a scheme being piloted in parts of the country that I understand your force has taken part in.

**1. When did your mental health street triage project go live?**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**2. Please list the local authority and NHS partners involved in your street triage project.**

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust / West Midlands Ambulance Service / Birmingham Local Authority and Solihull Local Authority

**3. How many people has your street triage project assessed? Of these, how many resulted in the person being detained under section 136 of the Mental Health Act?**

1,496 incidents resulting in 176 s136 – (same period last year 396)

**4. For each month from April 2012 to August 2014 (inclusive) please list the number of detentions under section 136 of the Mental Health Act that your force has made.**

This information is not held by West Midlands Police (please see response to question 5)

**5. For each month from April 2012 to August 2014 (inclusive) please list how many detentions under section 136 led to the person being taken to a) police custody and b) NHS places of safety.**

With regards to part a, from April 2012 to August 2014, there were 18 detentions under the Mental Health Act where a person was detained in police custody (see table below).

Data for part b is not held by West Midlands Police for this period; however from April 2013 to April 2014, I can confirm that 8 persons were taken to police custody and 1,250 persons detained across the force were taken to places of safety (monthly breakdown not held).

TABLE

Count of Detentions in police custody under the Mental Health Act - 01 April 2012 to 31 August 2014:

Month/Year	Total
04/12	1
06/12	2
07/12	1
09/12	1
10/12	2
11/12	1
12/12	1
03/13	1
06/13	1
09/13	1
12/13	2
01/14	1
02/14	1
04/14	1
05/14	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

**6. Have you conducted any assessment of the impact of street triage locally? If so, please attach a copy of this report.**

Attached (national\_triage\_event.pdf)

**7. Does your street triage project have social workers accompanying police officers or only mental health nurses?**

No social workers, although improved engagement with an Approved Mental Health Practitioner through the local authority process.