

1) Please state the number of occasions your force detained a person in a police cell under the Mental Health Act in each of the following years:

a) 2014

b) 2015

c) 2016

d) 2017

e) 2018

f) 2019 to 28.01.19.

Below provides persons detained taken to police cells where the reason given for arrest is 'Detained under the Mental Health Act'

a) 2014 = 14

b) 2015 = 15

c) 2016 = 10

d) 2017 = 6

e) 2018 = 39

f) 2019 to 28.01.19 = 5

Please note that frequently people are initially arrested for other offences, e.g. assault or damage and it is then identified that they have mental health issues. It is quite unusual for people to be brought into custody purely on the grounds of mental health issues as policy dictates that they are taken to a place of safety. If you are looking for people who have been brought into custody instead of being taken to a place of safety this data will not supply this

2. Where a person has been held on more than one occasion in a police cell over the period of the request, please provide the number of occasions that person was held. you could complete a name match internally to provide this data, anonymising it before release, to provide this information.

We compared the names and dates of birth of the detainees. None of these people appear more than once, during the whole period of the data run.

3) Where a person has been held on more than one occasion in a police cell over the period of the request, please provide the number of occasions that person was held, I would define overnight as being for a period of four hours or more between two days. "

Below provides the number of detainees brought in one day who stayed into the next day and their detention period was more than 4 hours. It will however include instances where a person was brought in during the day on one day and released any time after midnight if the detention period is over 4 hours.

a) 2014 = 6

b) 2015 = 8

c) 2016 = 6

d) 2017 = 5

e) 2018 = 28

f) 2019 to 28.01.19. = 4