

- a. How many people were arrested by your force and put under a "Place of Safety" under the Mental Health Act [Section 136]?
- b. How many of these people were eventually sectioned under the Mental Health Act by a doctor or social worker?
- c. I would like these figures from the 1st January to the 31st December for 2018 and 1st January 2019 to the 31st July 2019.
- d. I would like these figures broken down into
 - i. age groups [e.g. 0-10; 11-20; 21-30 etc]
 - ii. ethnic groups [Asian, African, African-Caribbean, Chinese, white etc]

To answer questions a – d would exceed the FOI time limit, please see covering letter.

- e. What training, if any, do officers receive in dealing with people who have mental illnesses?

Officers receive Training on Mental Illness when they join the police service whilst conducting their initial training. Further training is then on an ad hoc basis. In 2018 all response officers completed a one day mandatory training package on mental health. This training included the 2017 changes in the Mental Health Act and police powers. Officers were also given an input on identifying common mental health problems. Training was also given on self harm issues, talking to people in Crisis and Suicide prevention. The ambulance service also gave an input on 2005 Capacity Act. The input also included the welfare support the organisation was able to give all staff.