

## West Midlands Police Freedom of Information 3260/20

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**How many calls has your police force received where "mental health" was flagged and/or cited as a factor in the last five calendar years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019)? Please break this down by year.**

Calls for service containing a Mental Health qualifier

Between Start Incident Date: 01-JAN-2015 and End Incident Date: 31-DEC-2019

Year					
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
18,773	18,749	18,142	17,430	17,928	91,022

**How many times in the last five calendar years has section 136 of the Mental Health Act been used to detain a member of the public?**

**Please break this down by year (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019)**

Please find below the numbers of recorded detentions under section 136 MHA by WMP.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
Total	0	803	944	1141	1347	4235

There was no information recorded in the year 2015.

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**Please provide an estimate of money spent dealing with mental health related calls and cases in the last five years**

**(2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) if possible.**

Please be advised that this is not a valid Freedom of information Act request as it does not fulfil Section 8 of the Act. It is not a request for specific recorded information, as it asks for `an estimate`, and the authority does not have to answer your question if this would mean creating new information or giving an opinion or judgement that is not already recorded.

However, in order to assist, I can advise that should you request information on how much money was actually spent dealing with mental health related calls and cases - this is not held in a retrievable format.

Dealing with mental health related calls and cases would include all actions conducted by the force from the time of the initial phone call, to report the incident, to the case possibly being tried in court.

The actions required at each stage would be carried out by Police Officers and staff carrying out their normal daily duties, and so the cost for individual police resources required for this, or any other type of calls/cases is not recorded separately. Therefore, unfortunately on this occasion, the force is unable to fulfill this part of your request.