

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following data by quarter or monthly for the period of the start of the calendar year 2015 to the 3rd quarter of 2021 (1st January 2015- 30th September 2021) broken down by quarter or monthly.

1. Police incidents involving mental health

Count of the number of incidents that contain a 'mental health' qualifier:

| Incident Date Year | Incident Date Quarter | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 2015 | Q1 - JAN15 - MAR 15 | 4,395 |
| | Q2 - APR15 - JUN15 | 4,671 |
| | Q3 - JUL15 - SEP15 | 4,928 |
| | Q4 - OCT15 - DEC15 | 4,737 |
| 2015 Total | | 18,731 |
| 2016 | Q1 - JAN16 - MAR16 | 4,732 |
| | Q2 - APR16 - JUN16 | 4,902 |
| | Q3 - JUL16 - SEP16 | 4,741 |
| | Q4 - OCT16 - DEC16 | 4,320 |
| 2016 Total | | 18,695 |
| 2017 | Q1 - JAN17 - MAR17 | 4,143 |
| | Q2 - APR17 - JUN17 | 4,731 |
| | Q3 - JUL17 - SEP17 | 4,959 |
| | Q4 - OCT17 - DEC17 | 4,264 |
| 2017 Total | | 18,097 |
| 2018 | Q1 - JAN18 - MAR18 | 3,988 |
| | Q2 - APR18 - JUN18 | 4,648 |
| | Q3 - JUL18 - SEP18 | 4,516 |
| | Q4 - OCT18 - DEC18 | 4,236 |
| 2018 Total | | 17,388 |
| 2019 | Q1 - JAN19 - MAR19 | 4,387 |
| | Q2 - APR19 - JUN19 | 4,610 |
| | Q3 - JUL19 - SEP19 | 4,573 |
| | Q4 - OCT19 - DEC19 | 4,318 |
| 2019 Total | | 17,888 |
| 2020 | Q1 - JAN20 - MAR20 | 3,624 |
| | Q2 - APR20 - JUN20 | 2,791 |
| | Q3 - JUL20 - SEP20 | 2,950 |
| | Q4 - OCT20 - DEC20 | 2,921 |
| 2020 Total | | 12,286 |
| 2021 | Q1 - JAN21 - MAR21 | 3,186 |
| | Q2 - APR21 - JUN21 | 2,890 |
| | Q3 - JUL21 - SEP21 | 2,665 |
| 2021 Total | | 8,741 |
| Grand Total | | 111,826 |

2. How many calls has your police force received where mental health was flagged and/or cited as a factor (broken down by quarter or monthly as specified above).

Due to a change in recording systems in March 2020, data has been presented in separate tables below.

Number of calls West Midlands Police received where Mental Health was flagged for the period 01/01/2015 - 02/03/2020:

| Month/Quarter | Year | | | | | | Total |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Qtr1 | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 1,448 | 1,635 | 1,472 | 1,456 | 1,613 | 1,441 | 9,065 |
| Feb | 1,379 | 1,511 | 1,193 | 1,171 | 1,431 | 1,361 | 8,046 |
| Mar | 1,562 | 1,589 | 1,494 | 1,384 | 1,419 | 78 | 7,526 |
| Qtr2 | | | | | | | |
| Apr | 1,449 | 1,530 | 1,438 | 1,514 | 1,518 | - | 7,449 |
| May | 1,572 | 1,672 | 1,608 | 1,578 | 1,619 | - | 8,049 |
| Jun | 1,642 | 1,708 | 1,712 | 1,576 | 1,533 | - | 8,171 |
| Qtr3 | | | | | | | |
| Jul | 1,736 | 1,691 | 1,740 | 1,660 | 1,672 | - | 8,499 |
| Aug | 1,676 | 1,580 | 1,699 | 1,586 | 1,540 | - | 8,081 |
| Sep | 1,510 | 1,472 | 1,562 | 1,316 | 1,455 | - | 7,315 |
| Qtr4 | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 1,613 | 1,492 | 1,526 | 1,434 | 1,539 | - | 7,604 |
| Nov | 1,554 | 1,392 | 1,369 | 1,383 | 1,447 | - | 7,145 |
| Dec | 1,563 | 1,446 | 1,383 | 1,470 | 1,421 | - | 7,283 |
| Total | 18,704 | 18,718 | 18,196 | 17,528 | 18,207 | 2,880 | 94,233 |

Number of calls West Midlands Police received where Mental Health was flagged for the period 31/02/2020 - 30/09/2021:

| Month/Quarter | Year | | Total |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | |
| Qtr1 | | | |
| Jan | - | 3,350 | 3,350 |
| Feb | - | 3,281 | 3,281 |
| Mar | 2,938 | 3,657 | 6,595 |
| Qtr2 | | | |
| Apr | 3,285 | 3,324 | 6,609 |
| May | 3,930 | 3,573 | 7,503 |
| Jun | 3,557 | 3,323 | 6,880 |
| Qtr3 | | | |
| Jul | 3,742 | 3,405 | 7,147 |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Aug | 3,673 | 3,228 | 6,901 |
| Sep | 3,604 | 3,455 | 7,059 |
| Qtr4 | | | |
| Oct | 3,488 | - | 3,488 |
| Nov | 3,168 | - | 3,168 |
| Dec | 3,159 | - | 3,159 |
| Total | 34,544 | 30,596 | 65,140 |

- 3. National Police Chiefs' Council say 2019 was a historic high for police mental health incidents but that national figures show the period of 7th May 2020 to 4th September 2020 was even higher. Have parts of the Pandemic period to date seen your highest number of police mental health incidents on record?**

Please see answer to question 1

- 4. If it has been a record which was the quarter or months in which that record high occurred?**

Please see answer to question 1

- 5. Have parts of the Pandemic period to date seen your highest number of calls to your police force where mental health was flagged and/or cited as a factor on record?**

Please see answer to question 2

- 6. If it has been a record which was the quarter or months in which that record high occurred.**

Please see answer to question 2