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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0056

On 11/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

May you please supply me with the following information...

1. The number of people placed in police custody after being detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

- Please provide the figures for the following calendar years: 2023, 2022, 2021. For example, in 2021, 12 individuals were placed in custody under section 136

2. The number of people placed in police custody after being detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 - broken down by ethnicity.

- Please provide the figures for the following calendar years: 2023, 2022, 2021.

- For example, in 2021, 12 individuals were placed in custody under section 136. 10 individuals had an ethnic appearance of white British, 1 self defined as Black British etc

Please note: if for data protection reasons you are unable to provide the figures broken down by year, please collate the figures over the three year period.

I.e. between 2021 and 2023, 34 individuals were placed in police custody after being detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983, 31 individuals were white etc

If you believe the contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions and exemptions by reference to specific exemptions under the Act

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly, whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that a search has been conducted of the custody system for the number of people who have been placed in police custody after being detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. This search has included the ethnicity. The results are as follows:

1. An annual breakdown of people detained under mental health

Year	2021	2022	2023	Total
Number of people detained	6	4	4	14

2. An annual breakdown of the ethnicity of people detained under mental health

Row Labels	2021	2022	2023	Total
Any Other White Background	1	0	0	1
British	5	3	3	11
Irish	0	1	0	1
Not Stated/Not Understood	0	0	1	1
Total	6	4	4	14

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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