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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. We have set out your request, together with our response below.

- 1. For each month between and including March 2019 and December 2021, please provide the number of detentions of children (under 18) detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983
- 2. The total number of individual children detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act during the following periods:
- a. 28/02/2019 to 29/02/2020
- b. 01/03/2020 to 01/03/2021
- 3. In reference to question (1), for each detention can you provide:
- a. The month and year of the detention (MM/YYYY)
- b. The age of the child (broken down into the following bands to avoid potential identification):
- i. 0-5
- ii. 5-11
- iii. 12-15
- iv. 16-17
- c. The gender of the child
- d. The reason for detention
- e. Was it a detention of a child looked after by a local authority?



- f. Where did the detention take place:
- i. Accident and emergency department
- ii. A paediatric ward
- iii. A "place of safety" at a mental health trust
- iv. Other
- g. How long was the person detained?
- 4. How many "places of safety" (as required under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act) are there within the trust's area of responsibility and what is the capacity of each?

Response to the information requested

Please see attached



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Yours faithfully

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