

Our ref: **NIC-108703-V160M**

2nd August 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

I can confirm that the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care (NHS IC) has considered your query dated the 22nd July 2011 received by us on the 25th July 2011.

“Detention without trial – Using Emergency Procedures under Mental Health Act

Since 01 Jan 2000 please provide a year by year breakdown of how many people were detained under:

1. *Under S24 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984*
2. *Under S4 of the Mental Health Act 1983*

For each Health Authority Catchment area.”

Thank you for your enquiry. With regards to your first question, unfortunately the NHS IC does not hold any data for Scotland and the use of their Mental Health Act. You may find the following link to Scottish statistics useful:

www.isdscotland.org

In terms of your second question, this data is already published within our annual ‘*Inpatients formally detained in hospital or subject to Supervised Community Treatment*’ publication within the following tables:

2005-2010

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/mental-health/mental-health-act/inpatients-formally-detained-in-hospitals-under-the-mental-health-act-1983-and-patients-subject-to-supervised-community-treatment-annual-figures-england-2009-10>

1994-2005

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/mental-health/mental-health-act/inpatients-formally-detained-in-hospital-under-the-mental-health-act-1983-england:-1994-95-to-2004-05>

Table 1 may be of most use as this gives the section that the person was admitted under and includes NHS and independent providers plus a time series.

We do not hold any data on figures of detentions without trial.

I trust you are satisfied with our response to your request for information. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the [@xx](#) e mail address or by post at the above postal address.

I will assume that your request to the organisation is now closed.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Shippen
Higher Information Governance Officer

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