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Your ref:

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Dear Ms Clugston,

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 30 June 2021. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
<i>For the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 financial years, please tell me:</i>	This request is being refused under Section 12(1) of the FOIA.
<i>1) The number of people detained under the Mental Health Act, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity</i>	Section 12 of the FOIA allows that public authorities do not have to comply with section 1(1) of the Act if the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this request.
<i>2) The type of vehicle officers used to transport those detained to a place of safety, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity. Please split these by ambulance, police vehicle, other health vehicle, other, not known, or none (already at a place of safety).</i>	This information is not held in an easily retrievable format. In order to provide accurate data this would require a manual review of each report. This is because, the data that supports the toolkit does not include Person ID, therefore we cannot complete a count on the number of people. We can extract person ID for all Section 136's, but sometimes the individual is listed as the subject, aggrieved, reported by, suspect. Without going through each individual
<i>3) The place of safety used for those detained, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity. Please split these by police station, A&E, private home, health based place of safety, other, and not known.</i>	
<i>4) For those people transported using a police vehicle, please specify whether an ambulance was requested, broken down</i>	



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<p><i>by officer perceived ethnicity.</i></p> <p><i>5) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please specify the reason for the police station being used, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity. For instance in England, officers may take a person to a police station as a place of safety if they are over 18 and their behaviour poses an imminent risk of serious injury or death to that person or others (abbreviated in Home Office data as 'conditions in Regulations were met').</i></p> <p><i>6) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please provide a breakdown of their officer perceived ethnicity and the duration in hours of their stay in the police station.</i></p> <p><i>7) For those people detained and taken to a police station, please provide a count of those who were arrested for committing an offence, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity.</i></p> <p><i>For all ethnicity breakdowns, please use Home Office/ONS categorisations. These consist of 'White', 'Black', 'Asian', 'Mixed', and 'Other'. Please include Chinese persons in the category of Other.</i></p>	<p>record we would not be able to determine the correct person ID that relates to the incident. As such, we can only provide the total number of S136's and not down to individual levels. Furthermore, data relating to any individual taken to a place of safety would be within the body of the report, therefore further review needed. This will quickly exceed the appropriate 18 hour time and £450 cost limit.</p> <p>Section 16:- Further advice & assistance</p> <p>Thames Valley Police cannot further advise how this information might be retrieved within the constraints. However, as advised above, we do record the total number of S136's, if you wish to reapply for this data instead.</p>
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Complaint Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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