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Our ref: HQ/PA/004193/21

Your ref:

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Dear Harriet Clugston,

I refer to your email requesting a review of our previous response to your FOI request.

I have concluded the review and determined that the cost regulations are engaged but the explanation has been amended to more succinctly outline the reasons for applying this exemption.

As a result, our final response is outlined below:-

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
<i>For the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 financial years, please tell me:</i> <i>1) The number of people detained under the Mental Health Act, broken down by officer-perceived ethnicity</i> <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> <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>	<p>This request is being refused under Section 12(1) of the FOIA.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This information is not held in an easily retrievable format. In order to provide all data held a manual review of each report would be required. This is mainly in relation to Point 2 of your request.</p> <p>Furthermore, data relating to any individual taken to a place of safety</p>



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<p>4) <i>For those people transported using a police vehicle, please specify whether an ambulance was requested, broken down by officer perceived ethnicity.</i></p> <p>5) <i>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>6) <i>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>7) <i>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>would be held within the body of the occurrence report. This entire undertaking would exceed the appropriate 18 hour time and £450 cost limit. If one element of a request goes over on costs the entire request can be refused.</p> <p>Section 16:- Further advice & assistance Thames Valley Police cannot further advise how this information might be retrieved within the constraints.</p> <p>However, we do record the total number of S136's, if you wish to reapply for this data separately.</p>
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If you remain dissatisfied, you are entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Jason Russell
Senior Manager for Public Access