



## Freedom of Information Request 266/17

**Response date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

I request information on the number of and location of custody suites throughout the force area. The information I would like to receive is;

1. Police stations containing custody facilities; both staffed and reserve locations.
2. Number of cells and detention rooms at each location.
3. Number of people detained at each location, per year since 2008.
4. Location of custody facilities if any, closed since 2008.
5. Number of cells and detention rooms at these locations.

### RESPONSE

#### Questions 1 & 2

Currently there are 169 cells in force. There are 60 in Cardiff, 42 in Bridgend, 42 in Merthyr and 25 in Swansea. There are no juvenile detention rooms and there are no reserve stations.

#### Question 3

Please see the attached document entitled 'Response data 266\_17' which provides the answer to this Question.

The overall reduction of arrest numbers between 2008 and 2012 can be attributed to a number of factors including the proportionate management of suspects. In less serious matters use of 'Voluntary Attendance' and other non-arrest disposals, for example Reporting for Summons, are used when appropriate and proportionate to do so. The data also reflects the opening of the new SWP *Custody Bridewells* at Bridgend, Merthyr, Swansea and Cardiff and the closure of 'end of life' custody estate such as Llanishen Police Station."

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### Question 4

The location of custody facilities closed since 2008 are stated below:

Rumney Police Station  
Ton Pentre Police Station  
Merthyr Police Station  
Aberdare Police Station  
Cardiff Central Police Station  
Barry Police Station  
Canton Police Station  
Neath Police Station  
Roath Police Station  
Pontypridd Police Station  
Llanishen Police Station  
Fairwater Police Station  
Bridgend Police Station  
Cockett Police Station  
Port Talbot Police Station

### Question 5

From the list above, there are no cells or detention rooms that could be used. For example, Port Talbot has been sold, Neath is now a Scenes Of Crime Officer office, Cockett is a filing room etc.

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