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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03500

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th June. I note you seek access to the following information:

This request is to do with how many police hours have been spent attending to situations which involve people with severe mental health issues.

1. How many incidents have officers responded to in which mental health issues have been recorded as a factor in the following years

- a. 2015
- b. 2016
- c. 2017

2. In how many cases were police cells used as 'places of safety' for people experiencing a mental health crisis in the following years

- a. 2015
- b. 2016
- c. 2017

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response – Please see the below tables detailing the information you have requested.

Year	No. Mental Health Incidents
2015	7,238
2016	8,408
2017	9,949

Year	Occasions Custody used as Place of Safety for MH
2015	0
2016	5
2017	0

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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