

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Q1. Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022, how many people were detained under the Mental Health Act? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by calendar year.

Overall	6128
2018	1857
2019	1798
2020	1792
2021	1716
2022	1597

Q2. How many people detained under the Mental Health Act between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022 were asylum seekers? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by calendar year.

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Q3. Between 1 January 2022 and 31 May 2023, how many people were detained under the Mental Health Act? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by month.

Overall	2011
Jan-22	468
Feb-22	467
Mar-22	473
Apr-22	472
May-22	478
Jun-22	471
Jul-22	486
Aug-22	505
Sep-22	480
Oct-22	458
Nov-22	462
Dec-22	453
Jan-23	443
Feb-23	447
Mar-23	467
Apr-23	439
May-23	472

Q4. How many people detained under the Mental Health Act between January 2022 to May 2023 were asylum seekers? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by month.
[See response to question 2.](#)

Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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