

FOI0336 Response

1/ On how many occasions have children (under the age of 18) been held in a 'Place of Safety' (sometimes referred to as a section 136 suite) in the past five years where the legal justification was not under section 135 or section 136 of the Mental Health Act, since January 1st 2018? Please break down by years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to the date the response is answered, and please provide an overall total number of occasions.

2/ For the entirety of those occasions, please break down the legal justification for the detention in the Place of Safety (section 2,3,4 etc. under the Mental Health Act)?

3/ On how many occasions has a child been held in section 136 suites for over 24 hours over the past five years (since since January 1st 2018)?

4/ On how many occasions has a child been held in section 136 suites for over a week in the past five years (since January 1st 2018)?

5/ Over this period, what was the longest stay?

6/ What was the age of the youngest child to be held in a Place of Safety during this period?

Response

As a Mental Health Trust providing adult Services, we do not have people under 18 years old in our Place of Safety.