

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2269
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Number of armed response vehicles dispatched to a medical emergency where no crime or public safety concern had been reported to January 2021 to date, if possible please provide monthly figures

In response to this question, please see below table which shows the total number of medical incidents attended by Police Scotland Armed Response Vehicles, since January 2021

Month	Number of Medicals
Oct 2022	19
Sep 2022	24
Aug 2022	36
Jul 2022	27
Jun 2022	21
May 2022	28
Apr 2022	13
Mar 2022	22
Feb 2022	19
Jan 2022	19
Dec 2021	28
Nov 2021	22
Oct 2021	19
Sep 2021	33
Aug 2021	29
Jul 2021	27
Jun 2021	38
May 2021	33
Apr 2021	26
Mar 2021	32
Feb 2021	27
Jan 2021	27
Total	569

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Please provide me with the following information on Section 136 detentions:

Number of Section 136 detentions taken to police cells as a place of safety? January 2021 to date, if possible please provide monthly figures

Number of Section 136 detentions taken to police cells as a place of safety that are under 18? January 2021 to date, if possible please provide monthly figures

Total number of times a person was held for more than 48 hours under section 136? January 2021 to date, if possible please provide monthly figures

Total number of times a person under 18 was held for more than 48 hours under section 136? January 2021 to date, if possible please provide monthly figures

In response to these questions, I must first of all advise you that Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 does not apply in Scotland.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Individuals in Scotland can be detained for mental health reasons under Section 292 (Removal from a private place under warrant) and Section 297 (Removal from a public place) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2002. This gives Police Officers the power to remove someone to a place of safety as defined by the Act.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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