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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **How many mental health-related incidents in Inverclyde did police respond to in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 YTD.**

Please find the requested information below, I would ask you to note the caveats provided below the data.

* 2018 – 207
* 2019 – 339
* 2020 – 326
* 2021 – 392
* 2022 – 324
* 2023 to 31/05/2023 – 118

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 19th June 2023.

1. The data was extracted using the incident's raised date, selecting "Inverclyde" and by selecting the disposable code "PW-13" (Mental Health Related).

2. Out of Force and error incidents have been excluded.

1. **What initiatives/teams do police in Inverclyde have in place to deal with mental health-related incidents?**

Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) is in place in Inverclyde for officers to utilise when suitable. We do not have any initiatives as such but work closely with partners to support mental health as well as respond on a daily basis to concern for person calls.

1. **When was the Distress Brief Intervention programme introduced in Inverclyde?**

DBI was introduced to Inverclyde officers in January 2021.

1. **Since its introduction, how many times have officers utilised the protocol to refer individuals to third sector organisations for assistance?**

From 08/01/2021 until 15/06/2023 there were 118 referrals.

1. **For each of the above years, what percentage of the overall police callouts in Inverclyde did mental health-related incidents make up?**

Please find the requested information below, I would ask you to note the caveats provided below the data which relates to how the total number of incidents were extracted. I would also ask you to note the caveats for question 1 in relation to how mental health related incidents were extracted.

* 2018 – 1.48%
* 2019 – 2.51%
* 2020 – 2.67%
* 2021 – 3.41%
* 2022 – 3.07%
* 2023 to 31/05/2023 – 2.71%

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1. The data was extracted using the incident's raised date and Inverclyde.

2. Out of Force and error incidents have been excluded.

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

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