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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04940

I write in connection with your request for information received on 31st July. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) **In each of the last three financial years, the number of times somebody was detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act?**
- 2) **In each of the last three financial years, the number of times authorisation was provided for a police officer to convey an individual detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act to an Accident and Emergency Department?**
- 3) **In each of the last three financial years, the number of times authorisation was provided for a police officer to convey an individual detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act to a Section 136 Suite?**
- 4) **In each of the last three financial years, the average time awaiting medical clearance or treatment for somebody detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act?**
- 5) **In each of the last three financial years, the average handover time between an individual being detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act being medically cleared and their arrival at a Section 136 Suite when a suite was a) available, b) unavailable?**

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.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their Performance Unit and crime recording systems within the Force please see our response in the table below: -

- 1) See the attached document marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 04940**.
- 2) Bedfordshire Police do not have this information.
- 3) See attached document marked as **Annex A – FOI2019 04940** and the tab Q3 - "NHS data". The number of persons taken by police to an NHS place of safety – this data only goes back as far as August 16 and is NHS data.
- 4) Bedfordshire Police do not have this information.
- 5) Bedfordshire Police do not have this information.

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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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.