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Dear

FOI/0126/1567

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 3rd January 2026. We can now confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website. Please note the ICB's response in [blue](#).

You have requested:

Please provide the following information for the period March 2023 - November 2025, within the geographical area covered by yourselves.

Scope:

- **Legal status: Individuals detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act**
- **Place of safety: Cases where an Emergency Department (A&E) was used as the initial/first health-based place of safety**
- **Population: All individuals, with the information broken down into the following age groups:**
 - **Children and young people**
 - **Adults**

I am not requesting data relating to police stations or dedicated Section 136 suites.

Information requested:

1. Use of A&E as first place of safety

For each of the age groups listed above, please provide:

- **The number of individuals detained under Section 136 where A&E was recorded as the first place of safety.**
- **The number of individuals detained under Section 136 where a health based place of safety was recorded as the first place of safety.**

[Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to the following providers:](#)

[University Hospital North Midlands:](#)
foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

University Hospital Derby and Burton:
uhdb.foi@nhs.net

2. Time spent in A&E

Where recorded or monitored by the ICB (including via provider returns, dashboards, or escalation reports), please provide for each age group:

- The average (mean) length of time individuals detained under Section 136 spent in A&E; and
- The median length of time spent in A&E.

If exact time measurements are not held, please provide the closest available aggregate measures used locally (for example, time bands, summary indicators, or the 95th percentile where available).

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3. Police presence in A&E

Please advise whether the ICB records, monitors, or receives information relating to police presence in A&E for individuals detained under Section 136.

If so, please provide any aggregate information held, broken down by the age groups above, including where available:

- The number or proportion of cases where police officers remained with the individual in A&E beyond arrival; and
- Any available information on the frequency or duration of police presence in A&E during Section 136 detentions.

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to Staffordshire Police.

[Request information about the police | Staffordshire Police](#)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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