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Freedom of Information Request Reference No:

I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide data on the number of times children aged 17 years old and younger were kept overnight in police custody in 2016.

My definition of overnight is: between midnight and 8am, where an individual has been held in custody for 4 or more hours during this time.

Q1. How many children aged 17 years and under have spent one or more nights in police custody in 2016?

Q2. Please break the figures in Q1 down by age (e.g. 17 years old – 105 children; 16 years old – 110 children; 15 years old – 74 children etc.)

Q3. Please break the figures in Q1 down by gender (e.g. Male – 402 children; Female – 161 children).

Q4. Please break the figures in Q1 down by ethnicity (e.g. White British – 162 children; White European – 27 children; Black or Black British-African – children; Black or Black British-Caribbean – 12 children; Chinese – 21 children etc.)

Q5. In relation to Q1 please provide details of the longest period one child aged 17 years old or younger was held in police custody.

DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above.

Information Rights Unit



Under 18's detained overnight within Custody for 2016

Protective Marking	Unrestricted
Suitable for Publication Scheme	Yes
Ad-Hoc Reference Number	7952
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Summary	Under 18's detained overnight within Custody for 2016
Creating Branch / Directorate	HQ Portfolio & Planning
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This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: NSPIS

Date Live data was extracted: Various times

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Notes

Live data was extracted from NSPIS at various times.

The data was extracted based on the "Detention Authorised DateTime".

The "Latest Front Sheet" filter was used to extract the most recent data (age).

A yearly report is created for The Howard League, therefore, the same criteria for that report was used. Overnight signifies that a detainee was held within Custody for four or more consecutive hours between 00:00 & 08:00.

The time spent in Custody was taken from the "Detention Started DateTime" to the "Pre-Release RA (Risk Assessment) DateTime".

The number of detentions does not equate to the number of individual detainees. For example, an individual detainee may have been arrested twice within the time period stated.

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IMPORTANT: Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

Total of under 18's detained in Custody overnight (4 hours or more between 00:00 & 08:00) for 2016 (Questions 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Count of Custody Record Number	Gender & Age															Grand Total					
	Female							Female Total	Male								Male Total				
Detainee Self Ethnicity Description	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11		12	13	14	15
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	0	1	1	5	5	7	3	22	0	1	9	17	49	73	111	260	282				
Asian - Bangladeshi	1	0	1	1	2	5	6	16	0	1	4	18	45	50	110	228	244				
Asian - Indian	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	8	0	0	2	2	8	19	25	56	64				
Asian - Pakistani	0	0	1	0	0	5	3	9	0	0	3	5	25	38	62	133	142				
Black - African	0	1	5	12	25	22	39	104	2	5	35	119	235	345	424	1165	1269				
Black - Any Other Black Background	0	2	8	18	15	35	39	117	2	9	39	117	193	223	239	822	939				
Black - Caribbean	0	0	12	16	26	23	28	105	2	9	58	143	226	311	296	1045	1150				
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	0	0	4	5	11	17	20	57	0	4	18	31	55	60	79	247	304				
Mixed - White And Asian	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	4	13	14	32	37				
Mixed - White And Black African	0	0	3	2	3	10	8	26	1	0	3	13	22	43	33	115	141				
Mixed - White And Black Caribbean	0	0	5	10	15	26	24	80	0	6	18	43	90	105	108	370	450				
Not Stated	0	4	2	2	3	10	11	32	1	5	8	15	28	47	37	141	173				
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	0	1	0	3	3	12	17	36	0	5	2	10	44	59	87	207	243				
Other - Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	10	10				
White - Any Other White Background	0	1	5	18	32	26	35	117	1	5	20	58	80	132	195	491	608				
White - British	1	6	19	55	90	82	106	359	1	11	70	196	390	462	611	1741	2100				
White - Irish	0	0	2	0	7	5	2	16	0	2	2	17	17	27	38	103	119				
Grand Total	2	16	68	148	241	290	344	1109	10	63	292	804	1513	2010	2474	7166	8275				

Question 5

68 Hrs. 52 Mins. = The longest period of time spent in custody by a child (17 or under).