



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001252-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

- 1) Did your officers have to transport/transfer mental health patients in police vehicles in 2016 because there was no alternative? Please note that I am not including cases where police have been called in to work alongside ambulance staff because a patient is violent, only cases where there has been no other option so police officers have had to step in.
- 2) If so do you have figures for how often this happened in 2016?

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 25 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's 3 custody suites, for all occasions where a Section 136 mental health patient was taken to the relevant place of safety/hospital.

The total number of S136 patients transferred during 2016 is as follows:

	Total
S136 Patients were taken by police	227
S136 Patients were taken by Ambulance	97
S136 patients were taken by other	2

Some of the reason officers take patients is due to location and getting people quickly to a place of safety.