

## **FOI252 Response**

### **Request**

Please can you provide:

(1) The number of new detentions\* under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures.

(2) A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:

-For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'

-For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+'

-For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group'

\*Please note regarding (1) above: we are interested in the number of 'new detentions' starting within each month, rather than the total number of 'open detentions' counted within each month. I understand that, as detentions can span a number of months, providing open detentions in the period would be double-counting where detentions span across multiple months. Please could you confirm that you are providing data for new detentions as opposed to open detentions.

### **Response**

Please see attached spreadsheet and note that the data provided is for new detentions.