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POLICE**

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2024/601 - Custody

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Statistics for the calendar years 2022 and 2023 on the numbers of detainees, who are 18+ and over where an appropriate adult was not required:

1. Numbers of custody records opened (broken down by age band)

2. Number who requested legal representation or advice before or during interviews - per PACE Code C (Broken down by age band)

Age banding please: 18-25; 26-30; 31-40; 41-50; 51-60; 61+

Arrival Calendar Year	Age Range	Custody Count	Legal Rep Requested = Y	Legal Rep Requested = N
2022	01. 18 to 25	1854	1146	739
	02. 26 to 30	1594	953	668
	03. 31 to 40	3278	1827	1496
	04. 41 to 50	1785	994	832
	05. 51 to 60	922	543	400
	06. 61 and Over	339	201	141
2022		9766	5664	4275

Arrival Calendar Year	Age Range	Custody Count	Legal Rep Requested = Y	Legal Rep Requested = N
2023	01. 18 to 25	1987	1285	728
	02. 26 to 30	1715	1048	705
	03. 31 to 40	3656	2079	1659
	04. 41 to 50	2050	1198	902
	05. 51 to 60	1112	673	459
	06. 61 and Over	393	241	160
2023		10895	6520	4609

Unique custody records in each calendar year (based on arrival date) detentions involving Detainees aged 18+ at time of arrest and non- vulnerable adult detainee type at one of the three primary custody suites (Llay, St. Asaph, Caernarfon. Multiple arrivals may be recorded against each custody records - therefore the overall Y/N count may exceed the overall unique count if a detainee requests a solicitor on one arrival and waives on a different arrival. The counts indicate a minimum of one arrival linked to the custody records where the legal rights is requested / waived.

3. Number who received that legal representation or advice (Broken down by age band)

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

4. Number who waived the right to legal representation or advice at any point (Code C, para 6.5) (Broken down by age band)

Please see the answer to question 1 & 2.

5. The reasons for waiving the right to legal representation if collated and available. (Code C para 6.5) (Broken down by age band)

- **If available please advise whether categorisation (eg drop-down box category on digital custody records) is being used or not. If yes, what are the categories and can the statistics be apportioned accordingly, please?**

Please see the answer to question 3. North Wales Police have a field to record this information, however, it is freetext so we cannot categorise.

- **If not available, please whether this is under consideration**

There are no plans to introduce this function.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 10/07/2024