



Response Date:09/04/2025

2025/375 - Child Protection

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Our request relates to the practice of Child Protection (72hrs) - Sec 46 of the Children's Act 1989, 'where a Police Officer has reasonable grounds to believe a child is likely to suffer significant harm, they may remove the child to suitable accommodation'.

Under the Freedom of Information Law (FOI) we respectfully request the information specified below.

1) From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 - How many instances have there been of a child being taken into Police Protection in your force?

Jan – Dec 2024 – there were 72 instances when police have utilised their police protection powers.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 08/04/2025