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POLICE**

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2024/638 - Availability and Use of PACE Codes of Practice in Custody Suites

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

My request pertains to the Codes of Practice for people in custody, as provided under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) and the accompanying PACE Codes of Practice.

According to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, specifically Code C, detainees in police custody are entitled to access the Codes of Practice that outline their rights and the procedures that must be followed by the police. In light of this provision, I would like to request the following information:

1. Number of Copies of Codes of Practice:

Please confirm the number of copies of the PACE Codes of Practice held within each custody suite for which your police force is responsible.

We generally have 2 copies per suite, but we also regularly print off a paper copy for detainees.

2. Requests for Codes of Practice:

Please provide the number of times the PACE Codes of Practice have been requested by someone in custody within each custody suite over the past three years.

For clarity, I am referring to the Codes of Practice that detainees are entitled to read and refer to during their time in custody, as mandated by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and its associated Codes of Practice.

Number of custody arrivals from 01-jan-2021 to today to have requested COP were 3,735 out of a total of 49,061 arrivals during that period.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 11/07/2024