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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20170725

REQUEST

- 1. Please state the number of people currently on police bail (under investigation and awaiting a decision on charges) after being arrested by your force.***
- 2. Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 28 days. To clarify: I would like the figure for the number of people on bail, not the number of offences, as some people may be on bail for more than one offence – this clarification is also applicable to parts 3 -6.***
- 3. Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 6 months.***
- 4. Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 1 year.***
- 5. Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 18 months.***
- 6. Of the people in part 1 please state how many have been on pre-charge police bail without charge for longer than 2 years.***

RESPONSE

I recently contacted the Head of Custody for assistance with a request on the same subject. He advised that we do not hold recorded information that directly answers your request. In order to address it in full, we would need to determine how many detentions there have been and discount those which were dealt with in one detention (ie, never had bail). The remaining records would need to be manually reviewed individually, as many could be recorded due to administration processes (ie., the OIC has not updated the electronic bail record). The times would then need to be calculated and ranked; as you are aware, Public Authorities are not obliged to create data purely to facilitate FOI requests. Therefore, in essence, our response is one of 'no information held'.