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REQUEST

I would like to ask under the FOI, which of these - if any - are in operation in your force area. You may also operate more than one for example it may be different in rural and urban areas, or it may differ in different Health Authority areas. It may also be that you operate something else altogether, in which case could I ask what for a brief description of it.

The 3 commonest interventions include:

1. Highly trained police officers who respond to mental health incidents.
2. Joint 'triage' patrols of police officers and mental health professionals who respond to incidents.
3. A telephone 'triage' system where officers can ring a mental health professional when they are dealing with someone who is mentally ill to seek advice before they detain someone.

I am very much obliged for any information you can offer.

RESPONSE

You may not be aware that FOI concerns requests for recorded information, rather than opinion or comments regarding general operating practices in certain scenarios. However, I understand that you are seeking general information relating to our strategy when dealing with those who are mentally ill or in crisis through Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983. As such I have made my own enquiries and have enclosed a copy of our Force Strategy document in this regard which I hope will be useful to you.

If you have any specific questions in relation to recorded data, please do not hesitate to approach us again.