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Thank you for your request concerning detained Asylum Seekers.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Q1. Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022, how many people were detained under the Mental Health Act? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by calendar year.

Number of detentions from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022 - 7418

Year	Number of detentions
2018	1825
2019	1690
2020	1630
2021	1289
2022	984

Q2. How many people detained under the Mental Health Act between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2022 were asylum seekers? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by calendar year.

Zero. Whilst we do have an immigration status field in our electronic patient recorded (EPR) system, none have been recorded.

Q3. Between 1 January 2022 and 31 May 2023, how many people were detained under the Mental Health Act? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by month.

Number of detentions from 1 January 2022 to 31 May 2023 – 1406

Month	Number of detentions
2022	
January	94
February	68
March	89
April	78
May	76
June	88
July	81

August	89
September	67
October	81
November	89
December	84
2023	
January	85
February	82
March	96
April	84
May	75

Q4. How many people detained under the Mental Health Act between January 2022 to May 2023 were asylum seekers? Alongside the total, please provide a breakdown by month.

Please see the answer to question 2.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

