

**The number of times Section 136 of the Mental Health Act has been used  
by the Met Police per year in the last 10 years  
1st December 2012 to 30th November 2022**

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**This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: Merlin via eApps**

**Date Live data was extracted: 02/12/2022**

The data in this report reflects live data which may be subject to small changes over time

**Notes**

**Source:**

Merlin via eApps

**Date Range:**

1st December 2012 to 30th November 2022

**Definition:**

The number of Merlin records, by Incident Date and grouped into 12 month periods, where the record category is:  
SECT.136 MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983 or SECT.136 MH REPEAT DETENTION (this second category is no longer used)

**Caveats:**

Records were not stored consistently one one system until part way through 2013

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that the Notes Page is read in conjunction with the data in this report to ensure that it is interpreted correctly.

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Period	Total Merlin Records for s136 MHA
12 months to 30th November 2013	1,180
12 months to 30th November 2014	2,504
12 months to 30th November 2015	3,508
12 months to 30th November 2016	4,233
12 months to 30th November 2017	4,433
12 months to 30th November 2018	4,803
12 months to 30th November 2019	4,847
12 months to 30th November 2020	5,271
12 months to 30th November 2021	5,865
12 months to 30th November 2022	6,127