

MENTAL HEALTH

Use of health based places of safety

Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
24	23	31	34	24	27

Use of police custody as a place of safety

Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
2	2	2	1	2	3

Use of mental health street triage teams

Incident Location	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
Hambleton	2	6	1	1	1	1
Scarborough	36	58	96	51	49	73
York & Selby	40	24	17	17	8	12
Total	78	88	114	69	58	86

Use of FCR mental health triage

Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
282	230	247	269	186	174

Occurrences involving a person(s) with a mental health related warning marker

Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17
3507	3665	3395	4151	3739	3755

Percentage of occurrences identified as mental health related

Dec-2016		Jan-2017		Feb-2017		Mar-2017		Apr-2017		May-2017	
MH	% MH										
1129	7%	1073	7%	1034	7%	1293	8%	1090	7%	1181	7%

- Police custody must only be used for s.136 MHA detainees in highly exceptional circumstances, e.g. genuinely unmanageable risks of resistance, aggression, violence or escape, or if also detained for an offence. We scrutinise every use of custody in these circumstances.
- In May 2017 we detained three people in custody under s.136 MHA – two detentions due to behaviour by persons and one due to a substantive offence.
- The number of occurrences with a mental health qualifier are under represented. This is one of the focus areas for the Police Knowledge Fund research with University of York, who are reviewing our processes (along with good practice elsewhere) to help determine how we can improve in this regard.
- Staffing shortages and the number of mental health cases tending to be lower prior to the summer period helps to explain the lower use of FCR mental health triage in April and May.