

# Section 136 MHA Deep Dive

# Did you know that.....



There were 508 S136 detentions looked at in the deep dive project. 14 were children between the ages of 10-17. 485 were adults between the ages of 18-64 this peaked between ages 36 to 49 before dropping significantly after age 65

More women than men aged 18-35 were detained.  
More men than women aged 36 – 49 were detained

Are people over 65 perceived differently by professionals  
And therefore may be responded too differently by the Police than younger age groups?



87% of those detained were taken straight to HBPOs by police

Two thirds of people were not medically screened by the ambulance service

The Police report that the response times by SECamb are too long to wait in a public place with a distressed person

Half of the people conveyed directly to HBPOs then had to go back to A&E for treatment in an ambulance. This is extremely stressful for an individual in crisis



Section 136 standards: Detainee to be assessed by AMHP & Sec 12 Doctor within 4 hours unless there are clinical grounds for delay (significantly intoxicated or require urgent physical treatment)

70% detentions occur after 17:00hrs and before 09:00hrs, 29% of detentions occur at weekends

Reduced out of hours provision leads to delays and waits. 41% people waited more than 4 hours for an assessment. Young people waited between 6 & 17 hours for assessment.

There are poor reporting mechanisms in place to address breaches in standards.



Out of 508 S136's 29% people detained were assessed to be in need of urgent mental health care admission to hospital. 12% were referred to the Crisis Team 51% were not in need of urgent care but 45% were referred to Primary MH care services 8% of outcomes were unrecorded

46% of people were open to specialist care at time of detention however less than half had a crisis plan.

100% under 18s detained and open to specialist care had crisis plans.



Swale, Thanet and Medway have the highest rates of detentions per population.

9.25% people were not from Kent & Medway

During this period 1 person was detained in their home as an alternative place of safety

71.5% staff who responded to this project would not be happy for a friend or relative to be taken to the place of safety if they needed to be detained.

62% of staff do not believe the current pathway works

