



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3302
We received your request on the 07/04/2025.

Request

You asked us:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I would like to request the following information, regarding training for officers in mental health. This is a follow-up /clarification to FOI request last year concerning the Mental Health Units (Use of Force Act) 2018 , which you kindly responded to: 01/FOI/24/2421.

In your response to my question 4, you kindly provided detailed information as below. To follow up

- 1. Would new recruits and officers joining from other services receive training in:**
 - a) recognising and understanding mental health and mental health crisis?**
 - b) Mental Health Act 1983**
 - c) the risks of physical restraint, including positional asphyxia and identifying respiratory or other distress**
- 2. How often would staff be expected to attend training/refresher**
- 3. How is the mental health and mental health law training provided?**
 - i. Online/E-learning**
 - ii. In person**
 - iii. Combination of online & in person**
 - iv. Other (please state)**
- 4. if training isn't repeated and mandatory, what are the mechanisms to keep officers informed of mental health and mental health legislation ?**
- 5. have there been any changes to training about Mental Health Units (Use of Force Act) 2018?**

Thank you.

I am grateful for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

1. Yes
2. Annually
3. In person training & Online/E-Learning
4. Refresher training is annually, we also notify of any changes via our intranet and receive notification emails
5. Training is periodically updated depending on Legislation changes and best practices.