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Adult Mental Health Crisis, Emergency or Acute Mental Health Care in the last 12 months - Update

Following a response to FOI/26136 issued on 13 December 2021:

Would it be possible to ask another question concerning research focused on the introduction of a debt relief scheme for people in mental health crisis. The scheme is already running in England and Wales. I need to know how many people in Northern Ireland would qualify for the scheme in a 12- month period.

To qualify for the scheme in England and Wales, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1. Be detained in hospital for assessment or treatment (including under Part 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983).**

264 for the year 2021

- 2. Be removed to a place of safety by a police constable**

3927 individuals received a place of safety by PSNI or attended ED for crisis mental health assessment

- 3. Be receiving any other crisis, emergency or acute care or treatment in hospital or in the community from a specialist mental health service in relation to a mental disorder of a serious nature.**

860 patients received acute home treatment for mental illness in the period

In consideration of the above, we can advise that from 10 teams, over a 12 month period from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2022 there were 3709 service users who met at least one of the above criteria.