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Hi Scout,

I am writing in response to your request dated 31 December 2015.

The table below (Table 1) shows Police call centre dispatches to events coded as 'mental health' in Otago and Southland in 2015.

Table 1: Dispatches to Events Coded as 'Mental Health' in 2015

	OTAGO COASTAL AREA	OTAGO LAKES CENTRAL AREA	SOUTHLAND AREA
Jan	52	3	16
Feb	50	1	13
Mar	27	3	20
Apr	35	6	15
May	38	1	14
Jun	49	1	16
Jul	53	2	29
Aug	56	2	17
Sep	49		19
Oct	89	1	27
Nov	66	6	21
Dec	67	3	39
Total:	631	29	246

Please note that mental health may be a factor in other types of events such as those involving criminal offences. Police data will not include whether mental health was a factor in such events.

Table 2 shows how many of the above dispatches resulted in someone being detained by Police. Police data do not identify where the person was detained (i.e. in a police cell or the local hospital, etc.).

Table 2: Dispatches to Events Coded as 'Mental Health' and 'Detained' in 2015

	OTAGO COASTAL AREA	OTAGO LAKES CENTRAL AREA	SOUTHLAND AREA
Jan	2	0	0
Feb	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0
Apr	1	0	0
May	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0
Jul	0	0	0
Aug	1	1	0
Sep	0	0	0
Oct	2	0	0
Nov	3	2	0
Dec	3	0	0
Total:	12	3	0

I would like to apologise for the initial automated reply generated by our website and for the last two responses you received from Police. We are working to ensure that all future requests will immediately go through to the team responsible for answering OIA requests. Your initial request was received and responded to during the Christmas - New Year period, and this contributed to the unsatisfactory responses that you initially received.

Although for the reasons given above only some of the information you have sought has been provided, I trust my response is still helpful. As you may already be aware, you have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of my handling of your request by the Office of the Ombudsmen.

Yours sincerely,

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 New Zealand Police