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REQUEST

1.) How many deaths in custody occurred within the remit of South Yorkshire Police during the period 1983-1990?

2.) At which police stations did these deaths occur?

3.) How many members of the public are served by the specific stations in which the deaths occurred?

RESPONSE

I firstly approached our Professional Standards Department for assistance with your request, our Performance Development Team Leader has advised that 'we wouldn't have anything recorded on Centurion (database) this far back'.

I then approached our Chief Inspector, Head of Custody for assistance who has responded as follows:

I don't have the information and have no idea where it could be obtained from. By today's standards all such incidents would be referred to the IPCC via the Professional Standards Department (PSD) who would have kept the records, however for the period quoted PSD didn't even exist. Further to that custody wasn't a separate function at that time so the deaths would have been recorded within each District.

I then approached one of our District Business Managers to assess whether this information would still be held locally. She was unable to add any further information relating to questions 1 and 2 and further added that we do not hold any information on how many members of the public are served by stations.

Our formal response to all three of your questions is therefore one of 'no information held'.