

18 December 2017

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20172092

## **REQUEST**

**The number of charges in relation to Legal Highs or New Psychoactive Substances:**

**i) 2016/17**

**ii) 2017/ 2018 (To Date)**

**The number of arrests in relation Legal Highs or New Psychoactive Substances:**

**i) 2016/17**

**ii) 2017/18 (To Date)**

## **RESPONSE**

I contacted our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with Q1. She carried out a search of the system using the following criteria:

I have provided a count of offences recorded on CMS 01 CRIME Register recorded under the PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 2016.

I have broken the offences down by financial year, offence recorded and outcome of offence.

I have used Statistics date between 01-APR-2016 and 30-NOV-2017

Please note that there may be more offences in relation the Legal Highs or Psychoactive Substances that have not been identified, as they may be recorded in accordance with the Home Office counting rules general rule principal rule.

Offence Recorded	1617	1718
POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE IN A CUSTODIAL INSTITUTION	11	3
POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY	7	2
SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE	2	0
Total	20	5

Outcome of offence recorded	1617	1718
CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED	2	0
FURTHER ACTION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY ANOTHER BODY / AGENCY	11	3
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (CPS DECISION)	1	0
NAMED SUSPECT EVIDENTIAL DIFFICULTIES - (POLICE DECISION)	3	0
SUMMONS FOR OFFENCE RECORDED	3	0
NO OUTCOME RECORDED	0	2
Total	20	5

I then asked our Custody Handling System Administrator to search for any applicable records on this system. She advised that the number of arrests were as follows:

- i) 2016/2017 = 17
- ii) 2017/2018 = 1