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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180579

REQUEST

- 1. How many motorists in your force area were charged with driving under the influence of drugs in 2015, 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018 (Jan – March). Please provide a breakdown for each year.**
- 2. Can you please provide a breakdown of the different substances/drugs that motorists were caught using whilst driving in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018 (Jan – March). Please provide a breakdown for each year.**
- 3. If possible, please further categorise these for type of drugs, including illegal, prescription or over the counter medication.**

RESPONSE

The data you have requested above would ordinarily be fairly simple to extract. However, on 4th December 2017 South Yorkshire Police implemented a new recording system (CONNECT) which replaces several 'stand-alone' systems within the organisation such as our Custody Handling System (CHS) and Crime Management System (CMS).

Arrest data prior to 4th December 2017 is held on our legacy system (CHS) and latest arrest data is held on our new CONNECT system. Unfortunately, we are experiencing technical difficulties in extracting data of this nature from the new (CONNECT) system. We are working to try and resolve the situation as swiftly as possible, but not in time to provide you with a response relating to data after 4th December.

The only way in which we would be able to extract this most recent data is to manually trawl through all custody records for this period and extract any relevant data which meets the criteria of your request. This would, I regret, take us over the 18 hour cost threshold.

Rather than refuse the request under the Appropriate Limit (Section 12), I have asked the Custody Handling System (CHS) Administrator to provide data up to 4th December 2017 from our legacy system, as detailed below, which I hope will be of some use.

Question 1

2015 - 184
2016 - 303
2017* - 215

**Up to 4th December 2017*

Question 2

The name of the drug is not a mandatory requirement and is completed within a free text field with a variety of different spellings. Due to the relatively low numbers involved, I have manually reviewed the raw data and free text field and where listed, extracted and collated the different names of drug that were recorded. Please note that the name was not always

recorded and as such, will not directly correspond with the number of arrests which resulted in a charge as per question 1.

	COUNT OF DRUG
2015	
BENZOYLECGONINE	20
CANNABIS	36
COCAINE	3
COCAINE & BENZOYLECGONINE	2
DELTA-9-TETRAHYDROCANNIBINOL	48
TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL(THC)	1
2016	
BENZOYLECGONINE	25
BENZOYLECGONINE & METHYLENEDIOXYMETHAMPHETAMINE	1
CANNABIS	14
COCAINE	2
COCAINE AND BENZOYLECGONINE	1
DELTA-9-TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL	29
KATAMINE	1
METHYLENEDIOXYMETHAMPHETAMINE	2
2017	
BENZOYLECGONINE	1
CANNABIS & COCAINE	1
DELTA-9-TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL	3

Question 3

This level of detail is not recorded, and as such would be considered 'No Information Held'.