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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 155

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th February 2021 concerning Cannabis Factories.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please can you provide a breakdown for the number of cannabis factories (in residential and commercial properties) that have been closed and dismantled by police in each calendar year from 2015 to 2020.

Can you also detail the estimated value of the drugs discovered at each illegal cannabis factory please.

Our response:

DATE	PRODUCT SEIZED	VALUE
2015	6 plants (50 cm), 37 plants (50-70 cm)	No value confirmed
2015	63 Plants - approx 2.84 kilos	£11K-£15K
2015	308 Plants	£55,440-£221,760
2015	Cannabis plants	No value confirmed



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DATE	PRODUCT SEIZED	VALUE
2016	Cannabis plants	No value confirmed
2016	Cannabis plants	No value confirmed
2016	Cannabis plants	No value confirmed
2016	Cannabis plants, herbal cannabis - 2.75kg of skunk type cannabis.	No value confirmed
2016	14.21 kg	£70K-£142K
2016	100 Cannabis plants	No value confirmed
2016	Two insulated trailers filled with cannabis buds/plants	No value confirmed
2016	183 plants located	No value confirmed
2016	1600 plants seized	No value confirmed
2016	37 Cannabis plants	No value confirmed

DATE	PRODUCT SEIZED	VALUE
2017	Cannabis plants/farm	One farm seizure valued at £1,315,500
2017	Cannabis plants/farm	Yield estimated at £84K-£252K with potential for 3 harvest a year.

DATE	PRODUCT SEIZED	VALUE
2018	Cannabis plants/farm	Estimated value - £366,250

DATE	PRODUCT SEIZED	VALUE
2019	Cannabis plants/farm	Farm seizure valued at £14,000
2019	Cannabis plants/farm	No value confirmed

DATE	PRODUCT SEIZED	VALUE
2020	Cannabis plants, cannabis leaves.	No value confirmed
2020	Cannabis plants	No value confirmed
2020	Cannabis cutting, cannabis plants	No value confirmed
2020	Cannabis factory	No value confirmed
2020	135 plants at various states of maturity, 72 fully mature.	No value confirmed
2020	10 Fully grown plants, equipment, chemicals.	No value confirmed

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Merritt
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for

a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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