

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 1042

Reply contact name is:

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th December 2021 concerning Drugs supply / County Lines.

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 having consulted our Business Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please provide the following information, per calendar year, for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Q1• How many drug supply arrests of juveniles aged 16 or under have been recorded that are deemed to be "County Lines" offences? Could these figures be broken down by year, please?

Q2• If your Force does not distinguish drug supply offences as "County Lines" or not then please supply the information in question 1 as generic drug supply with an offender aged 16 or under.

Q3• How many County lines arrests of juveniles under the age of 16 have been recorded for class A/B/C drugs? If possible, please supply numbers for heroin, cocaine, other (class A); Cannabis, Ketamine, Amphetamine (class B); Steroids, other (class C). Could these figures also be broken down by year, please?

Q4• If your Force does not distinguish drug supply offences as "County Lines" or not then how many drug supply arrests of juveniles under the age of 16 have been recorded for class A/B/C drugs? If possible, please supply numbers for heroin, cocaine, other (class A); Cannabis, Ketamine, Amphetamine (class B); Steroids, other (class C). Could these figures be broken down by year, please?



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Our response:

Please note Wiltshire Police have no mandatory way of tagging whether these incidents are County Lines related or not. Therefore all questions have been answered as a generic drug supply with an offender aged 16 or under and Possession With Intent to Supply offences have been included within this search.

Arrest age – Under 16

Arrest Reason	Arrest Year						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Concerned in offer to supply a class A drug - other (recordable)					1	1	2
Concerned in the supply of a class A drug - other (recordable)	2	7	6	8	8	7	38
Concerned in the supply of a controlled drug of Class B - cannabis (recordable)	2				1	2	5
Concerned in the supply of class B drug - other (recordable)	1		1	1			3
Conspire to supply a class A controlled drug - other (recordable)	1	1			1	1	4
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis NEW	1	2		5	4		12
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Cocaine (recordable)				1			1
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Crack Cocaine (recordable)					1	1	2
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A - Other (recordable)	5	3	3	1	2	2	16
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis (recordable)	1	2	1				4
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Cannabis Resin (recordable)			3				3
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B - Other (recordable)	1		2	1	1		5
Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class C - Other (recordable)		1					1
Possess with intent to supply cannabis resin Class B NEW		1	1				2
Supply a controlled drug of Class A - Heroin (recordable)					1		1
Supply a controlled drug of Class A - Other (recordable)		1					1
Grand Total	14	18	17	17	20	14	100

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,

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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