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Our ref: FOI 2023/656

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd June 2023 concerning drug offences.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Team Performance Department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You Wrote:

Please share the following information for the financial years between 2015/16 up to and including 2022/23:

Q1) The number of under 18's arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total. (All nationalities, including UK)

Q2) The number of under 18's who are **non-UK nationals** arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total.

Q3) The number of **under 16's** arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total. (All nationalities, including UK).

Q4) The number of **under 16's** who are **non-UK nationals** arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total.

Q5) The number of under 18's arrested for drug offences, broken down by nationality.

Q6) The number of under 18's who are **non-UK nationals** arrested for drug offences, broken down by offence type.

Q7) The youngest under 18 **non-UK national** to be arrested for drug possession, and the youngest under 18 to be arrested for supplying. Please include the year of arrests (in financial years).

Response:

Question One

2015/2016 = 102
2016/2017 = 100
2017/2018 = 83
2018/2019 = 127
2019/2020 = 128
2020/2021 = 81
2022/2023 = 92

Question Two

Please note that this data is for under 18 non UK Birth Country

2015/2016 = 5
2016/2017 = 17
2017/2018 = 18
2018/2019 = 13
2019/2020 = 15
2020/2021 = 7
2021/2022 = 10
2022/2023 = 6

Question Three

2015/2016 = 21
2016/2017 = 27
2017/2018 = 23
2018/2019 = 33
2019/2020 = 24
2020/2021 = 21
2021/2022 = 20
2022/2023 = 22

Question Four

Please note that this data is for under 18 non UK Birth Country

2015/2016 = 3
2016/2017 = 3
2017/2018 = 2
2018/2019 = 3
2019/2020 = 1
2020/2021 = 0
2021/2022 = 1
2022/2023 = 3

Question Five

Not stated = 7
Belgium = 1
Bosnia-Herzegovina = 1
Cameroon = 1
Canada = 6
Colombia = 1
Cyprus = 1
Czech Republic = 2
England = 387
Germany = 3
Hong Kong = 1
India = 9
Iran, Islamic republic of = 2
Jamaica = 10
Kenya = 2
Kuwait = 1
Latvia = 1
Malawi = 1
Nepal = 1
Netherlands = 1
Nigeria = 3
Northern Ireland = 2
Philippines = 1
Poland = 7
Portugal = 2
Romania = 1
Saint Helena = 2
Slovakia = 2
Somalia = 1
South Africa = 8
Sweden = 1
Thailand = 2
Turkey = 2
Uganda = 8
UK = 328
United States of America = 2
Viet Nam = 3
Wales = 3
Zimbabwe = 1

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Question Six

2015/2016

Possess class B controlled drug – Cannabis x 2
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 1
Produce cannabis a class B controlled drug x 1
Supply class A drug x 1

2016/2017

Possess class B controlled drug – cannabis x 6
Possession Class B drug x 1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 3
Produce cannabis a class B controlled drug x 1
Supply cannabis a class B controlled drug x 1
Supply class A drug x 3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug – Crack x 2

2017/2018

Possess cannabis with intent to supply x 2
Possess class B controlled drug – cannabis x 2
Possession Class A drug x 4
Possession Class B drug x 1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 5
Supply Class A drug x 4

2018/2019

Possess class B controlled drug – cannabis x 4
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 4
Possession with intent to Supply Class B drug x 1
Production of or being concerned in production of controlled drug – khat x 1
Supply Class A drug x 3

2019/2020

Possess cannabis with intent to supply x 1
Possess class B controlled drug – cannabis x 5
Possession Class A drug x 4
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 3
Supply Class A drug x 2

2020/2021

Possess cannabis with intent to supply x 1
Possess class B controlled drug – cannabis x 3
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply – Cannabis x 1
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 1
Supply cannabis a class B controlled drug x 1

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2021/2022

Having possession of a controlled drug – Cannabis x 2
Possess cannabis with intent to supply x 1
Possess class B controlled drug – cannabis x 2
Possession with intent to Supply Class A drug x 1
Supply Class A drug x 3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug – Other Class A drug x 1

2022/2023

Having possession of a controlled drug – Cannabis x 1
Having possession of a controlled drug – Other Class A drug x 1
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug – Cannabis x 1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug – Crack x 2
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug – Other Class A drug x 1

Question Seven

Youngest under 18 non-UK national to be arrested for drug possession = 14 (2019/2020)

Youngest under 18 to be arrested for supplying = 14 (2018/2019)

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,

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

Force Disclosure Unit

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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.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

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>