

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – Via email



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Our ref: 2024-808

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th September 2024 regarding people proceeded against for having possession of controlled drugs.

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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

The request relates to the time period June 2021 until June 2024.

How many people were arrested for having possession of a controlled drug (without intent to supply), including:

Class A - Powder Cocaine; Amphetamine

Class B - Cannabis and cannabis resin / Cannabinol / Cannabinol derivatives

Please categorise as follows:

People Proceeded Against for the Home Office Classification Code above broken down by Ethnic Appearance.

If the cost for this research is deemed too high, please reduce the time period to June 2022 until June 2024.

Clarification:

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I would like to make a correction on the below request:

I am looking for the number of people proceeded against for having possession of the three controlled drugs listed in the email.

I am not looking for the number of people arrested.

I am also looking for a breakdown of the statistics based on ethnic appearance.

Please can you confirm receipt of this correction.

Further clarification:

I am so sorry, but there is one more clarification/thing I need to add to the request.

Please can you break it down the figures by proceedings type.

As a reference, please see the table below - it is very similar to what I am looking for.

The only difference between what I need and the table below, is the time period and the drugs involved.

Our response:

Offence	Asian	Black	Not stated	Other	White	Grand Total
Having possession of a controlled drug - Amphetamine		2	3		17	22
1: Charged		1			2	3
1: Summoned/postal requisition					7	7
10: Police - formal action not in public interest					1	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties					1	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest					1	1
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.					1	1
3: Adult caution		1			4	5
8: Community resolution			3			3
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cannabis	65	111	174	9	941	1300
1: Charged	10	26	1	1	157	195
1: Summoned/postal requisition	10	21	13		181	225
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	4	8	11	1	49	73
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute			1		2	3
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties					1	1

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15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	9	16	29	1	78	133
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition					1	1
2: Youth caution	1	1			1	3
2: Youth conditional caution					3	3
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy			5		6	11
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1	7	10	2	38	58
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.		5	1		27	33
3: Adult caution	3	2	6		59	70
3: Adult conditional caution	1	2	3		34	40
6: Penalty notice for disorder			1		1	2
8: Community resolution	20	13	75	4	188	300
8: Youth restorative disposal	3	7	18		88	116
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest					4	4
New	3	3			23	29
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	7	18	15	2	270	312
1: Charged	4	6			72	82
1: Summonsed/postal requisition		8	1	2	94	105
10: Police - formal action not in public interest					3	3
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute					1	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1			13	14
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition					1	1
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest			1		6	7
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.		1	2		7	10
3: Adult caution	1		3		19	23
3: Adult conditional caution			2		17	19
8: Community resolution	1	2	6		24	33
8: Youth restorative disposal					3	3
9: CPS - prosecution not in public interest					2	2
New	1				8	9
Possess class B controlled drug - cannabis	27	46	76	3	438	590
1: Charged	2	7	1		56	66

1: Summoned/postal requisition	5	11	1		74	91
10: Police - formal action not in public interest		2	5		26	33
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties					2	2
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	4	7	13	1	50	75
2: Youth caution	1				5	6
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy		1	2		3	6
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	2	4	8	1	26	41
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.	1		2		8	11
3: Adult caution	5	8	3		65	81
3: Adult conditional caution					1	1
6: Penalty notice for disorder			5		6	11
7: Cannabis warning	7	2	15		54	78
8: Community resolution		4	17	1	56	78
8: Youth restorative disposal			4		2	6
New					4	4
Grand Total	99	177	268	14	1666	2224

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,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker