

OFFICIAL



FOI Reference: 152/2022

Request:

1. Could I get the statistics for drug offences - possession and supply - with details of which drugs, year on year from January 2015 to December 2021. Can these figures be broken down by place - Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, Aberaeron, Cardigan, and Lampeter. Can you also include the figures for warnings issued.

Clarification: Force wide figure as well as figures broken down for Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, Aberaeron, Cardigan, and Lampeter.

Response:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested; however we are exempting part of that information as we believe that the following exemptions are relevant:

Section 30(1)(a) Investigations and Proceedings conducted by Public Authorities

Section 30(1)(a) is a class-based qualified exemption. This means that the legislators when writing the legislation considered that the release of such information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 would cause harm to the public authority or individual concerned. There is therefore no requirement to carry out a HARM Test in respect of such information. However, there is a requirement to carry out a Public Interest Test in order to establish whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption may be outweighed by a wider public benefit in disclosure.

Section 30(1)(a) Investigations and Proceedings conducted by Public Authorities:

(1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purposes of -

(a) Any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained (i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or (ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it.

Public Interest Test

Considerations favouring disclosure:

Disclosure of the information would improve the public's knowledge and awareness and would provide satisfaction to the public that these cases are investigated thoroughly and offenders are being dealt with accordingly.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure:

This exemption covers information held at any time for the purpose of an investigation, whether the case is ongoing, closed or abandoned. To release specific details of an ongoing investigation, as in this case, could undermine and prejudice those investigations. This would impact on the forces' future law enforcement capabilities by hindering the prevention or detection of crime.

Balancing Test

After considering the advantages and disadvantages in disclosure, it falls upon Dyfed-Powys Police to conduct a balance test on the issues. The strongest argument for disclosure, which is public awareness, needs to be weighed against the strongest arguments for non-disclosure, which in this case is that the release would undermine and prejudice ongoing investigations, which would impact on the forces' future law enforcement capabilities by hindering the prevention or detection of crime.

Therefore, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Please note: A total of 133 offences have been removed from the breakdown of information below due to the fact that Section 30 exemption applies to those offences.

Drug/Year	ABERAERON	ABERYSTWYTH	CARDIGAN	LAMPETER	MACHYNLLETH
Amphetamines (Non-injection)	0	1	1	0	0
2015	0	0	1	0	0
2016	0	1	0	0	0
Benzodiazepines	1	9	2	0	0

2016	1	0	0	0	0
2017	0	1	0	0	0
2019	0	2	1	0	0
2020	0	5	1	0	0
2021	0	1	0	0	0
Cannabinol Derivatives	0	1	0	0	0
2017	0	1	0	0	0
Cannabis Plant	0	0	1	0	0
2016	0	0	1	0	0
Cannabis Resin	2	21	7	1	2
2015	0	2	3	0	0
2016	2	1	1	0	0
2017	0	5	2	0	1
2018	0	5	1	1	0
2019	0	3	0	0	0
2020	0	3	0	0	1
2021	0	2	0	0	0
Cannabis Sativa (Herbal Cannabis)	44	737	304	172	35
2015	3	143	46	33	0
2016	2	121	77	28	9
2017	4	87	35	36	3
2018	6	65	31	33	9
2019	18	86	43	18	6
2020	2	106	40	8	5
2021	9	129	32	16	3
Cocaine	1	21	5	7	1
2015	1	2	1	1	0
2016	0	2	0	1	0
2017	0	2	2	2	0
2018	0	4	2	1	1

2019	0	6	0	2	0
2020	0	2	0	0	0
2021	0	3	0	0	0
Cocaine (in the form of "crack")	0	7	1	0	0
2015	0	1	0	0	0
2016	0	1	0	0	0
2017	0	1	0	0	0
2019	0	1	1	0	0
2020	0	3	0	0	0
Codeine (Non-Injection)	0	1	0	0	0
2015	0	1	0	0	0
Diamorphine (Heroin)	0	18	5	2	0
2015	0	3	0	0	0
2016	0	4	2	0	0
2017	0	4	1	1	0
2019	0	1	2	1	0
2020	0	4	0	0	0
2021	0	2	0	0	0
Drug Not Controlled	2	13	5	5	0
2015	0	0	1	0	0
2017	1	0	0	2	0
2018	0	2	0	0	0
2019	0	1	0	0	0
2020	0	2	0	0	0
2021	1	8	4	3	0
Drug Not Known	0	5	0	0	0
2021	0	5	0	0	0
Ecstasy-TYPE - MBDB, MBOH, MDA, MDEA, MDMA	0	2	1	1	1
2015	0	0	0	0	1
2016	0	1	0	0	0

2017	0	0	1	1	0
2019	0	1	0	0	0
Etizolam	0	1	0	0	0
2020	0	1	0	0	0
Gabapentin	0	1	0	0	0
2019	0	1	0	0	0
Ketamine	0	2	1	0	0
2018	0	1	0	0	0
2020	0	0	1	0	0
2021	0	1	0	0	0
Morphine	0	1	0	1	0
2020	0	1	0	1	0
Opium-Prepared	0	2	0	0	0
2017	0	1	0	0	0
2020	0	1	0	0	0
Pregabalin	0	1	2	0	0
2019	0	1	0	0	0
2021	0	0	2	0	0
Psilocin (Magic Mushroom)	1	1	0	0	0
2015	0	1	0	0	0
2021	1	0	0	0	0
Psilocybin (Magic Mushroom)	0	1	0	0	0
2016	0	1	0	0	0

POWYS																				
YEAR	Amphetamines (Non-injection)	Benzodiazepines	Cannabinol Derivatives	Cannabis Plant	Cannabis Resin	Cannabis Sativa (Herbal Cannabis)	Cocaine	Cocaine (in the form of "crack")	Diamorphine (Heroin)	Drug Not Controlled	Drug Not Known Ecstasy-TYPE - MBDB, MBOH, MDA, MDEA, MDMA	Gabapentin	Ketamine METHEDRONE / METHYLONE / BUTYLONE	Methadone	PSA - Nitrous Oxide	PSA - Synthetic cannabinoids	Psilocin (Magic Mushroom)	TCDO [substances covered by temporary class drug orders]		
2015	0	0	0	1	4	446	13	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2016	1	0	0	2	8	443	7	2	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
2017	1	0	0	2	4	311	15	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
2018	1	0	1	3	5	313	17	11	9	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
2019	0	1	0	3	7	358	14	34	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
2020	2	3	3	2	2	330	10	1	4	6		0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
2021	0	0	0	0	1	221	3	0	2	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	

CEREDIGION

YEAR	Amphetamines (Non-injection)	Benzodiazepines	Cannabinol Derivatives	Cannabis Plant	Cannabis Resin	Cannabis Sativa (Herbal Cannabis)	Cocaine	Cocaine (in the form of "crack")	Codeine (Non-Injection)	Diamorphine (Heroin)	Dihydrocodeine (Non-Injection)	Drug Not Controlled	Drug Not Known Ecstasy-TYPE - MBDB, MBOH, MDA, MDEA, MDMA	Etizolam	Gabapentin	Ketamine	Morphine	Opium-Prepared	Pregabalin	Psilocin (Magic Mushroom)	Psilocybin (Magic Mushroom)
2015	1	0	0	0	6	254	6	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2016	1	1	0	1	4	258	4	1	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2017	0	1	1	0	8	194	6	1	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	9	152	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	3	0	0	3	185	9	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
2020	0	5	0	0	3	181	4	4	0	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0
2021	0	1	0	0	2	201	3	0	0	2	0	15	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0

CARMARTHENSHIRE

Years	Amphetamines (Injection)	4-hydroxy-n-butyrac acid	Amphetamines (Non-injection)	Benzodiazepines	Buprenorphine (Temgesic)	in Cannabis or Cannabis Resin	Cannabis Liquid (Hashish Oil)	Cannabis Plant	Cannabis Resin	Cannabis Sativa (Herbal Cannabis)	Cocaine	Cocaine (in the form of "crack")	Diamorphine (Heroin)	Dihydrocodeine (Non-Injection)	Drug Not Controlled	Drug Not Known	MBOH, MDA, MDEA, MDMA	Etizolam	Ketamine	LSD 25 (Lysergide)	METHYLONE / BUTYLONE	Metazocine	Methadone	Morphine	Other Class B Cathinone derivatives	PSA - Powder	cannabinoids	cannabinoids receptor agonists	covered by temporary class drug orders]	Tramadol	
2015	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	7	19	68	6	0	10	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	20	52	7	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	14	45	5	0	6	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	7	42	17	5	16	0	3	0	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	
2019	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	45	12	3	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	
2020	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	2	3	48	18	4	6	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	
2021	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	37	4	1	3	0	17	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	

PEMBROKESHIRE

YEARS	Amphetamines (Non-injection)	Benzodiazepines	Buprenorphine (Temgesic)	Cannabinol Derivatives	Cannabis Liquid (Hashish Oil)	Cannabis Plant	Cannabis Resin	Cannabis Sativa (Herbal Cannabis)	Cocaine	Cocaine (in the form of "crack")	Codeine (Non-Injection)	Diamorphine (Heroin)	Drug Not Controlled (Ecstasy, LSD, MBDP, MBOH, MDA, MDEA, MDMA)	Ketamine	LSD 25 (Lysergide)	METHYLONE / BUTYLONE	Methadone	Morphine	Pregabalin	Psilocin (Magic Mushroom)	Psilocybin (Magic Mushroom)	Synthetic cannabinoids receptor agonists	Tramadol	
2015	2	0	0	0	0	2	10	326	7	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
2016	2	2	0	0	0	1	8	344	3	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	1	1	0	0	1	3	6	263	8	0	0	2	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	2	2	0	2	1	3	5	307	14	3	0	5	1	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
2019	1	2	0	0	1	0	4	317	6	1	0	6	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	252	7	0	1	2	4	3	0	1	2	1		1	0	0	1	0
2021	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	216	2	1	0	0	9	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

It should be noted that as a result of the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such information that the information released may or may not be accurate.

Furthermore, it should also be noted that Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not

generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 28/04/2022)