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Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

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Request:

1. The total number of offences recorded in which the Class A controlled drug psilocybin, also known as 'magic mushrooms', was named;
2. The number of offences recorded in which psilocybin or Class A mushrooms was the only controlled drug named;
3. The breakdown of how many of the recorded offences resulted in:
 - a. A caution or reprimand but not arrest;
 - b. Arrest, where the case was not passed to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS);
 - c. Arrest, where the case was passed to the CPS.

I would be grateful if annual data was provided to cover the years 2015 - 2020.

Response 1:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- For the period covering 2015 – 2020 there have been a total of 29 offences recorded in which the Class A controlled drug psilocybin, also known as 'magic mushrooms', was named.

Response 2:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

For the period covering 2015 – 2020 there have been a total of 17 offences recorded in which psilocybin or Class A mushrooms was the only controlled drug named.

Response 3:

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- For the period covering 2015 – 2020 there have been a total of:
 - a) 12 offences in which a caution or reprimand was issued but no arrest
 - b) 10 offences resulted in an arrest whereby the case was not passed to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)
 - c) 5 offences resulted in an arrest whereby the case was passed to the CPS

It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recoding criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the 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 27/07/20)