



**STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE**

FOI ref no: 14596

10th August 2022

Freedom of Information refinement request: reference 14596 first notified to us by email on 21st July 2022.

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as detailed below:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act to request the number of under 16's who were arrested for drug offences (including possession and intent to supply) between 2014 and June 2022.

As part of this request, I would like the information to be broken down into the following;

i) The number of under 16's arrested for drug offences, broken down into years (e.g. 2014, 2015, 2016 etc) and a grand total;

ii) The number of under 16's arrested for drug offences, broken down into offence type (e.g. possession, intent to supply);

iii) Out of the grand total, how many under 16's were arrested for possession and supply of Class A substances, and how many under 16's were arrested for supply of Class A substances

iv) Out of the grand total, how many under 16's were arrested for possession and supply of Class C substances, and how many under 16's were arrested for supply of Class C substances;

v) The youngest under 16 to be arrested for drug possession, and the youngest under 16 to be arrested for supplying;

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I would also like data on how many under 16's were arrested for possession and supply of Class B substances, and how many under 16's were arrested for supply of Class B substances within said time frame.

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In order to ensure my request can be concluded, I would like to refine the search to include the above fields from May 2020, as opposed to 2014.

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police does hold the requested information.

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ii) The number of under 16's arrested for drug offences, broken down into offence type (e.g. possession, intent to supply);

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet 'FOI 14596 Under 16 Drug Arrests Refinement Data'.

Please note that there may have been more than one offence type per arrest therefore the total amount of individuals arrested is slightly different to the total amount of offences.

Please also note that there has only been arrests relevant to the requested data for 'concerned in the supply' as shown in the dataset.

iii) Out of the grand total, how many under 16's were arrested for possession and supply of Class A substances, and how many under 16's were arrested for supply of Class A substances

Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A – 2.

Concerned in the supply of a Class A drug – 2.

iv) Out of the grand total, how many under 16's were arrested for possession and supply of Class C substances, and how many under 16's were arrested for supply of Class C substances;

Nil for both.

v) The youngest under 16 to be arrested for drug possession, and the youngest under 16 to be arrested for supplying;

Youngest arrested for drug possession – 15 years old.

Youngest arrested for drug concerned in supplying – 14 years old.

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I would also like data on how many under 16's were arrested for possession and supply of Class B substances, and how many under 16's were arrested for supply of Class B substances within said time frame.

Possess with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B – 3.

Concerned in the supply of a Class B drug – 2.

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In order to ensure my request can be concluded, I would like to refine the search to include the above fields from May 2020, as opposed to 2014.

Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitations of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional crimes may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the

terminology of this request. Therefore the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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