

7 October 2024

FOI Ref 17228

Request - You asked us the following:

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.

Amendment received 06/09/2024:

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.

Clarification received 09/09/2024:

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

We received your request on 06/09/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.

- I am looking for the number of people proceeded against for having possession of the three controlled drugs listed in the email. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17228 Drug Proceedings Data.PDF'.**
- I am also looking for a breakdown of the statistics based on ethnic appearance. – **Disclosed, please see accompanying file titled 'FOI 17228 Drug Proceedings Data.PDF'.**



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Please note that the data presented as been retrieved through a search of our crime/occurrence recording systems for the offences of 092/50 - 92D - Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine - Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 Sec 5(2), 092/60 - 92D - Having possession of a controlled drug - Amphetamine - Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 Sec 5(2), 092/61 - 92E - Having possession of a controlled drug - cannabis - Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 Sec 5(2) and 092/62 - 92D - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists - Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2009, between the dates of 01/06/2021 and 30/06/2024, filtered by self-defined ethnicity of the offender.

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional offences/incidents 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 data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been 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.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response.

If you would like us to carry out a review of our response, please let us know within two months of the date of receipt of this email, review requests should be addressed to:

foi@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit
Staffordshire Police HQ
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Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

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