



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 000618-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"I am seeking information concerning drug seizures by Suffolk constabulary at the Latitude festival in 2014, 2015 and 2016. I am also requesting drug related arrests at this festival over the same time period.

I am requesting statistics relating to drug seizures and arrests. Firstly, I am seeking the street value of drugs seized at Latitude festival in 2014, 2015 and 2016. These statistics should be subdivided by cannabis (all forms), cocaine (all forms), ecstasy/MDMA, ketamine, methadone, piperazine/BZP, mephadone/MCAT and other. This information should be presented as a monetary value in £, pertaining to street value. In essence, what drugs were seized by the police force at Latitude festival over the given period and what was the street value by type of drug. This information should be divided by year, for example the number of arrests in 2014, the number in 2015, and the number in 2016.

Secondly, I would like to know how many drug related arrests were made at Latitude festival over the same time period. This information should also be divided by year, for example the number of arrests in 2014, the number in 2015, and the number in 2016."

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of 18 January 2017.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all drug offences where the location of the offence is recorded as the Latitude festival.

The table provided below confirms all arrests made in relation to drugs at Latitude, including the value of the drugs seized, where recorded.

Please note that the value of drugs seized is not always recorded by the constabulary.

The data provided was also cross referenced with the electronic property system to establish whether any further drug seizures were made, however no additional information was held.

Year/Month	Arrests	Estimated Value
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2014		
MDMA	1	Unknown
MDMA/HERBAL CANNABIS	2	Unknown
MDMA/HERBAL CANNABIS/CANNABIS RESIN	1	Unknown
2015		
2CB	1	£60
MDMA/DIAZAPAM	1	Unknown
MDMA/HERBAL CANNABIS	1	£110
2016		
HERBAL CANNABIS	1	Unknown
HERBAL CANNABIS/NITROUS OXIDE	4	Unknown
MDMA/HERBAL CANNABIS	1	Unknown
MDMA/HERBAL CANNABIS/25B-NBOMe	1	£805
MDMA/SKUNK CANNABIS	1	£5,440
Grand Total		15

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.