



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001257-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

"Since the ban on so called 'legal highs' came into force in May 2016, could you tell me

- 1. Total arrests for possession of synthetic drugs.*
- 2. Total arrests for possession of synthetic drugs with intent to supply/supply.*

If possible, please could you also provide a breakdown into arrests for possession/supply of different types of synthetic drugs.

I would like to request the most recent figures (possibly for first six months of 2016/17) for overall arrests for possession of controlled drugs and separately supply offences relating to controlled drugs."

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 25 January 2017

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded relating to the possession of; or possession with intent to supply, drugs from May 2016 to date.

The table provided below confirms the total number of drug offence arrests recorded, for the first 6 months of the 2016/17 financial year:

Offence	2016/17					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Attempted - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine						1
Attempted - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other		1				
Attempted - Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1					
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	8	11	7	8	10	8
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Crack	1			1	1	3
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Heroin	4	2	1	3	8	3
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - MDMA	2	1		1		



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Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Methadone						1
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	2		2		3	
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Amphetamine	5	4	2		3	4
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	79	58	60	68	54	51
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Ketamine					1	1
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Mephedrone including cathinone derivatives	1					
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists					1	
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class C - Other			1		1	3
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class unspecified		1	1		1	2
Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution				1		
Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply				1		
POSSESS CANNABIS A CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG						1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Cocaine			2	3	2	2
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Crack	1	1	4		1	
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Heroin	4	3	1	3	5	
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - MDMA		1		2		
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Other				2	1	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Amphetamine					1	
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	7	10	5	6	4	2
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply a class A controlled drug		2				
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply a class B controlled drug		1		2	2	1
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	5	5	3	5	2	7
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - Heroin		1				
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - Other			1			1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Amphetamine						1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1	3	2		1	



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Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Ketamine					1	
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class C - Other	1	1				1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class unspecified						1
Grand Total	122	106	92	106	103	95

The Constabulary has searched for all possession offences and possession with intent to supply – Other than a Class A and filtered the results for those just in relation to possession of a New Psychoactive Substance (NPS).

Please note that the possession of a NPS is not an offence, except in a custodial institution. Further details of which can be found on the drug wise website: <http://www.drugwise.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Psychoactive-SubstancesAct.pdf>

The total number of drug offence arrests that relate specifically to psychoactive substances is provided in the table below, by outcome and substance. (Please note that the information relates to the number of arrests, not the number of crimes)

Outcome	Hawaiian Baby WoodRose	Nitrous Oxide	Spice	Unspecified	Total
Youth Caution	1				1
Type 15*			1	1	2
Type 20*			1	4	5
Type 16*		1			1
Type 1*			1		1
Under Investigation		5	5	1	11
Grand Total	1	6	8	6	21

*Offence outcomes

- Type 1 - Charge / Summons
- Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action
- Type 16 - Evidential difficulties victim based – named suspect identified
- Type 20 - Further action resulting from the crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency