



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 001380-17

REQUEST DETAILS:

How many arrests have there been for the production, distribution, sale and supply of so called "illegal highs" - AKA "new psychoactive substances" since the law came in, on 26th May 2016, in Suffolk?

Of those arrests – how many have served or are serving prison sentences?

RESPONSE:

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

This response is correct as of 26 January 2017

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>

There have been no arrests made for the production of these substances.

The total number of arrests made for the supply of NPS outside of a custodial institution, is provided in the table below. Please note that the information supplied relates to 4 offences.

	Hawaiian Baby WoodRose	Nitrous Oxide	Spice	Grand Total
Bail To Police Station (Under Investigation)		5	4	9
Youth Caution	1			1
Grand Total	1	5	4	10

The total number of offences committed inside a custodial institution is as follows, please note that there is no arrest data for the following offences as they were already in a custodial institution and such offences are adjudicated by the prison service.



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The Constabulary does not hold conviction data and cannot therefore confirm any prison sentence imposed.

Offence Type	Spice	Unspecified Substance	Total
Possession in Custody	3	7	10
Supply in Custody	1		1
Grand Total	4	7	11