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Dear Mr Ford

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request for information received 18 March 2017. I note you seek access to the following information:

This request relates to the following offences set out in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971:

- i. Possession of Cannabis - s.5(1) of the Act;
 - ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply - s.5(3) of the Act.
1. For each of these two offences separately, please supply the following data broken down by each year a) 2004, b) 2005, c) 2006, d) 2007, e) 2008 and f) 2009 g) 2015 h) 2016:
 - a) The total number of individuals arrested by your force
 - b) The total number of individuals cautioned by your force
 - c) The total number of individuals charged by your force

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

We do not hold arrest data in regards to **Possession** as far back as you have requested so can only provide data from May 2006.

In regards to **Possession with Intent** and section 5(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act (as detailed above), we only have data available from 2009.

The figures shown below were obtained following a search of our custody system.

POSSESSION			
	Q1a - Arrests	Q1b - Cautions	Q1c - Charges
2004			
2005			
2006 from May	128	29	77
2007	399	115	234
2008	491	121	267
2009	569	126	325

2015	373	65	189
2016	317	39	161

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY			
	Q1a - Arrests	Q1b - Cautions	Q1c - Charges
2004			
2005			
2006			
2007			
2008			
2009	96	7	69
2015	130	4	68
2016	105	7	39

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide 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 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.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

Yours sincerely,

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Disclosure and Compliance Officer
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