

**Our Ref:** 165-17-316



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Dear Mr Ford,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 165-17-316**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 20 March 2017. You had asked:

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.

**Q.** 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

**Response:**

Section 1 of the Freedom of information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at s1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified within a request is held. The second duty at s1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) state (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The information that you have requested is held by Surrey Police. Our response is contained in the attached spread sheet.

Surrey Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. How to do this is set out in the attached Appeals Notice. Having followed the full procedure, if you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give your case consideration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Surrey Police. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact us on 01483 - 630007 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

**Neil Coventry**  
**Information Access Team Decision Maker**