



Freedom Of Information

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Dear Mr Ford

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 20/03/17.

You requested 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

Please see the table below showing Possession of Cannabis and Possession with intent to supply Cannabis offences recorded between 01/04/2006-31/12/2009 and 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2016.

Year	Possession of Cannabis			Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply		
	Arrests	Caution	Charge	Arrests	Caution	Charge
2006	137	49	38	9	0	6
2007	1020	357	312	149	7	41
2008	1772	630	749	236	9	91
2009	1975	567	913	506	8	201
2015	1381	248	634	430	3	197
2016	1444	237	676	354	4	166

Arrests;

Figures represent the number of arrests (not individuals) during the period where;

- the detainee was arrested under the following legislation

Cautions and Charges'

Figures represent the number of cautions or charges issued during the period, regardless of date of arrest

- one detainee may be charged with multiple offences
- arrests/offences may be subject to further investigation and will change over time, figures correct at 11/04/2017

Crime classifications based on Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

Data restricted to Niche as legacy Custody does not contain the full offence detail

- Niche was introduced between April 2006 and November 2007, so information is partial for this period
- Data for 2006 from 01/04/2006 to 31/12/2006

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above, in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Gemma Burton
Disclosure Officer

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint, we encouraged that you discuss the decision with the case officer that has dealt with your request.

2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again, is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision, will be carried out by a senior member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independent conducted, regardless to the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid, if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

or

West Yorkshire Police
FOI Internal Reviews
PO Box 9
Laburnum Road
Wakefield
WF1 3QP

In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances, by another 20 working days.

4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision, made by West Yorkshire Police. You can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113