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## **REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Further to your enquiry, which we received in full on 08 February 2017, you requested the following information:

- ***The number of incidents attended at prisons and youth detention centres in each year from 2011 to 2016?***
- ***The number of these incidents which were linked to 'legal highs' or 'NPS' such as 'Spice' or 'Black Mamba'? Please provide figures broken down by year.***

On 08 February 2017, we advised

*I can confirm that unfortunately, we do not record drugs as a chief complaint. We could categorise such incidents as an "overdose", but this is based on the information provided by the caller at the time and therefore may include both legal and illegal drugs, prescription medicines and alcohol related incident. This does not also encompass any other incidents which may have drugs related to it and are not be logged as the primary cause of the complaint such as "fall", "convulsion" etc.*

*Do you still wish to proceed with the first question of your request - the number of incidents attended to prisons and youth offender centres? If so, would you like this information by calendar year or the appropriate financial year?*

On 09 February 2017, you confirmed you would like to proceed with the first part of your request with figures provided for each calendar year.

## Response

Please see the following table;

Prison	2011*	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Grand Total
Hmp Birmingham / Winson Green	89	114	119	141	135	187	785
Hmp Brinsford	15	15	22	19	12	33	116
Hmp Dovegate	65	107	146	127	128	142	715
Hmp Drake Hall	17	29	40	43	44	36	209
Hmp Featherstone	45	39	84	94	156	193	611
Hmp Hewell	88	128	176	209	229	239	1,069
Hmp Long Lartin	24	54	87	53	75	47	340
Hmp Oakwood		102	297	330	216	306	1,251
Hmp Stafford	79	100	101	90	89	137	596
Hmp Stoke Heath	4	12	35	77	47	45	220
Hmp Swinfen Hall	20	22	19	45	61	41	208
Hmp Werrington	8	15	12	7	1		43
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>6,163</b>

Criteria for the above table;

- Period is for calendar years 2011\*, 2012, 2013, 2104, 2015 and 2016 (please note that 2011 data is from 1st April as indicated by an asterix \* )
- Where 1 or more WMAS resource arrived at location
- Post Code of Prison obtained from the government website <https://www.justice.gov.uk/contacts/prison-finder>

We hope that this answers your request. If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

- Mr A C Marsh  
Regional Headquarters  
Millennium Point  
Waterfront Way  
Brierley Hill  
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Tel: 01384 215555

The Chief Executive Officer will then appoint a nominated deputy to oversee and respond to the appeal with their approval.

If you are unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

- Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire.  
SK9 5AF  
Tel: 01625 545 700  
Fax: 01625 524 510

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Yours sincerely**

**Lynsey Kumari**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**