

Date: Mon 16 October 2017 **Reference Number:** 20171678 **FOI Category:** Stats - Crime

Title: Psychoactive Substances

Request Date: Tuesday, 19 September, 2017

Response Date: Monday, 16 October, 2017

Request Details:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the period 26 May 2016 to 19 September 2017, could the provide the following information:

:: How many crimes under the Pyschoactive Substances Act were recorded?

:: For each crime recorded under the Psychoactive Substances Act, could you tell me the substance involved and the type of offence (ie. supply of a pyschoactive substance, production, possession, etc)

:: How many arrests were made for offences under the Pyschoactive Substances Act?

:: How many people were charged for offences under the Pyschoactive Substances Act?

Exemptions Applied:

None

SYP Response:

I approached our Crime Management System (CMS) and Custody Handling System (CHS) Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'. CHS records Arrests.

They provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

I have included a count of offences recorded on the CMS crime register where the offence has been recorded under the PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 2016, recorded between 26-May-2016 and 19-Sep-2017, of these offences I have provided a breakdown of the offender's disposal and the Property sub classes recorded on these offences.

Please note - some offences may be recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules - General Rules - The Principal Crime Rule, therefore we expect to see additional property class recorded.

Principal Crime Rule

IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS CRIME.

The CHS Administrator has provided the following in answer to your request.

Between 26/05/2016 – 19/09/2017 16 people were arrested/detained within a Custody suite for offences within the Psychoactive Substance Act.