

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20180350**

**REQUEST**

***This request relates to the following offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971:***

- i. Possession of cannabis***
- ii. Possession of cannabis with intent to supply***
- iii. Supply of cannabis***
- iv. Cultivation of cannabis***

***For each of these offences, separately, please supply the following data for the periods: 2016/2017, 2015/2016, 2014/2015, 2013/2014, 2012/2013, 2011/2012, 2010/2011, 2009/2010, 2008/2009, 2007/2008, 2006/2007***

- 1. The total number of warnings issued to individuals aged over 18***
- 2. The total number of warnings issued to individuals aged under 18***
- 3. The total number of fines given to individuals aged over 18***
- 4. The total number of fines given to individuals aged under 18***
- 5. The total number of cautions issued to individuals aged over 18***
- 6. The total number of cautions issued to individuals aged under 18***
- 7. The total number of arrests of individuals aged over 18***
- 8. The total number of arrests of individuals aged under 18***
- 9. The total number of charges pressed against individuals aged over 18***
- 10. The total number of charges pressed against individuals aged under 18***
- 11. The total number of prosecutions brought against individuals aged over 18***
- 12. The total number of prosecutions brought against individuals aged under 18***
- 13. The total number of convictions secured of individuals aged over 18***
- 14. The total number of convictions secured of individuals aged under 18***
- 15. The total number of community disposals given to individuals aged over 18***
- 16. The total number of community disposals given to individuals aged under 18***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

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

*This is a count of the specified offences broken down by the offender's outcome.*

*The Home Office changed the approach to reviewing outcomes of crimes implemented in South Yorkshire in July 2014, and now a broader framework is now in place. A crime which would have previously been closed as 'undetected' is now given a specific outcome based*

*on the specific circumstances of that crime. However, as requested we have only provided specific outcomes based on the requesters requirements.*

*In addition, the outcomes CHARGED, SUMMONS and CAUTIONS changed in 2017 and we now specifically record for what offence, the offender was charged i.e. CHARGED is now recorded as either CHARGED WITH OFFENCE RECORDED Or CHARGED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE OFFENCE, therefore the outcomes are applicable depending on the year recorded the offence was recorded.*

### **Q7&8**

I approached our Custody Handling System (CHS) Administrator to assist with the arrest element of your request.

On 5th December 2017 South Yorkshire Police implemented a new recording system called Connect which replaces our Custody Handling System (CHS) . Arrest data prior to 5th December 2017 is held on our legacy system (CHS) and latest arrest data is held on our new CONNECT system.

Unfortunately, we are unable to retrieve arrest data from the Connect system from 6<sup>th</sup> December on wards due to search capabilities and technical issues but I have provided the data up to 5<sup>th</sup> December. We are working to try and resolve this situation as swiftly as possible.

Please see the attached CHS spreadsheet.

\*It should be noted note that because the data for your request comes from separate systems, it is not possible to directly compare or track specific arrests through to charge an individual can be arrested for more than one offence at any one time and may or may not be charged for all of the offences .

### **Q11, 12, 13 &14**

South Yorkshire Police does not hold 'conviction' data (outcomes at court), the Ministry of Justice would be better placed to provide you with any further information in this respect