

16th March 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210403

REQUEST

Please can you provide a breakdown for the number of cannabis factories (in residential and commercial properties) that have been closed and dismantled by police in each calendar year from 2015 to 2020.

Can you also detail the estimated value of the drugs discovered at each illegal cannabis factory please.

CLARIFICATION

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

Please note Q1, which covers the same type of data.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/cannabis-farms-ref-20180106/>

FROM THE REQUESTER

Thanks for your email. The data in your link provides details up to 2017. As you will have seen, I requested details for each calendar year to 2020.

Please can you action my original FOI request to include the calendar years I have requested with the relevant breakdowns.

RESPONSE

I initially approached our District Admin Team (Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley & Doncaster) for assistance with this request and to check if this is recorded centrally or individually by each district. They advised this is still not recorded by them at district level.

I then 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'. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

Connect Data:

Please find attached completed FOI and below explanation.

I have provided a count of the offence "Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class B – Cannabis" recorded on CONNECT Crime between Incident Created Date 04-DEC-2017 and 31-DEC-2020, BROKEN DOWN BY Premises Type.

I am unable to provide details of estimated values as it is not possible to provide an accurate figure for the monetary value as both the 'Property Value' and 'Quantity' fields are not

*mandated requirements, and therefore not recorded for all offences. In addition if both **'Property Value'** and **'Quantity'** are recorded, then we are not certain whether the value recorded relates to multiple items or individual items.*

CMS(II) Data-

Unfortunately given the current situation the Administrator is not currently working in police premises and cannot access the software needed to extract data in the format for your request from CMS (legacy system) we will provide this as soon as we are able to do so.