24 April 2019

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20190747

REQUEST

1.   Please tell me how many cases there were of cannabis possession in 2018?

2.   Of the cases in 2018, please tell me how many resulted in individuals being a) charged b) given warnings c) given cautions d) given fixed penalty notices

3.   Please tell me how many cases there were of cannabis possession in 2017?

4.   Of the cases in 2017, please tell me how many resulted in individuals being a) charged b) given warnings c) given cautions d) given fixed penalty notices

5.   Please tell me how many cases there were of cannabis cultivation (cannabis farms or factories) in 2018?

6.   Of the cases in 2018, please tell me how many resulted in individuals being a) charged b) given warnings c) given cautions d) given fixed penalty notices

7.   Please tell me how many cases there were of cannabis cultivation (cannabis farms or factories) in 2017?

8.   Of the cases in 2017, please tell me how many resulted in individuals being a) charged b) given warnings c) given cautions d) given fixed penalty notices

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer 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 spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS Data

I have provided a count of offences recorded on CMS(ii) crime register where the HO Class code is in 92E or the Offence code is in 09221. Of these offences I have also provided a count of Suspect/Accused offenders and the outcome for each offender.

Please note that there may not be a Suspect/Accused person recorded on all offences and there may be more than one offender recorded on an offence.

I have used Statistics date between 01-JAN-2017 and 05-DEC-2017.

<u>CONNECT Data</u>

I have provided a count of offences recorded on CONNECT crime where the HO Class code is in 92E or the Offence code is in 092/21, broken down by the outcome of each offence. As previously advised we can't currently provide offender outcomes due to inaccurate suspect data.

I have used the Incident Created Date between 04-DEC-2017 and 31-DEC-2018.