



Freedom of Information Request Reference No:

I note you seek access to the following information:

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DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above.

I would like to thank you for your interest in the MPS.

Information Rights Unit

Cannabis possession arrests

2016 - 2018

Protective Marking	
Suitable for Publication Scheme	
Ad-Hoc Reference Number	Lumberjack Reference Number: 15316
Relevant to	Suzi Mason
Summary	Arrest and Charge numbers for Cannabis related arrests, with percentage for Black or Minority Ethnic [BME]
Author	
Creating Branch / Directorate	Custody & Criminal Justice Performance
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This report uses LIVE DATA extracted from: NSPIS

Date Live data was extracted: 26 April 2019

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Notes

Data obtained from NSPIS Custody system
Dates from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018

Arrests have been obtained from the **Offence Title** entry on NSPIS

Have only taken Offences where the word **Cannabis** is included
It is recognised that Cannabis could also be included in other entries where **Class B** has been used
These have been excluded as they also include a range of other drug types
Only way to obtain results has been to calculate entries at Offence Level

Entries only included if:

Contains **cannabis**

Contains **intent** (= Supply of Cannabis)

Contains **possess** (= Possession of Cannabis)

Ethnicity is based on **Detainee Self Ethnicity Description**

This relates to details given by the Detainee

This has been split as follows:

BME	Asian - Any Other Asian Background
	Asian - Bangladeshi
	Asian - Indian
	Asian - Pakistani
	Black - African
	Black - Any Other Black Background
	Black - Caribbean
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller
	Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background
	Mixed - White And Asian
	Mixed - White And Black African
	Mixed - White And Black Caribbean
	Not Stated
	Other - Any Other Ethnic Group
	Other - Chinese
White	White - Any Other White Background
	White - British
	White - Irish

Reports - Arrests

Two (2) tables included

Detainees can be arrested for more than one (1) Offence, both Drug Offences and Other Offences

Detainee Count - number of detainees arrested for at least one of the Offences listed above

Offence Count - number of Offences (this will be higher as some detainees can be arrested for more than one Offence)

Report - Charges

Charge outcomes relate to

Charged and Bailed To Court

Charged and Detained For Court

To Court (Postal Requisitions)

Numbers are given at Offence level - this relates to each Offence a detainee has been arrested for

As noted above, a detainee can be arrested for more than one Offence

Cannot give Case outcomes in relation to the possession and supply of Cannabis as some Cases will be Charged for a different Offence but NFA for the drugs part

There is a small change in the totals compared to the previous report (**Lumberjack 15021**)

This is due to updates to the records in relation to further investigations and additional outcomes

Arrests (Detainee Count)

[see Notes]

Offence Title	Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018
Possession of Cannabis	BME	10,022	8,889	8,013
		67.2%	67.9%	69.7%
	White	4,900	4,199	3,484
		32.8%	32.1%	30.3%
	Total	14,922	13,088	11,497
Supply of Cannabis	BME	3,235	2,895	2,961
		74.3%	72.6%	74.6%
	White	1,121	1,092	1,008
		25.7%	27.4%	25.4%
	Total	4,356	3,987	3,969

Arrests (Offence Count)

[see Notes]

Offence Title	Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018
Possession of Cannabis	BME	10,244	9,042	8,115
		67.2%	67.9%	69.7%
	White	4,996	4,274	3,520
		32.8%	32.1%	30.3%
	Total	15,240	13,316	11,635
Supply of Cannabis	BME	3,510	3,162	3,074
		74.4%	73.1%	74.7%
	White	1,207	1,164	1,039
		25.6%	26.9%	25.3%
	Total	4,717	4,326	4,113

Charges (Offence Level) for Possession and Supply of Cannabis

[see Notes]

Offence Title	MSD Offence	Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018
Possession of Cannabis	Charged and Bailed To Court	BME	4,451	2,866	2,365
			72.0%	72.2%	74.1%
		White	1,735	1,106	828
			28.0%	27.8%	25.9%
		Total	6,186	3,972	3,193
	Charged and Detained For Court	BME	1,248	1,182	1,181
			68.7%	67.5%	70.7%
		White	569	569	490
			31.3%	32.5%	29.3%
		Total	1,817	1,751	1,671
	To Court (Postal Requisitions)	BME	143	650	656
			74.5%	70.0%	72.1%
White		49	278	254	
		25.5%	30.0%	27.9%	
	Total	192	928	910	
Supply of Cannabis	Charged and Bailed To Court	BME	579	155	76
			72.6%	69.2%	80.9%
		White	219	69	18
			27.4%	30.8%	19.1%
		Total	798	224	94
	Charged and Detained For Court	BME	306	422	299
			73.4%	77.9%	73.8%
		White	111	120	106
			26.6%	22.1%	26.2%
		Total	417	542	405
	To Court (Postal Requisitions)	BME	43	196	80
			67.2%	72.1%	67.2%
White		21	76	39	
		32.8%	27.9%	32.8%	
	Total	64	272	119	