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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-03716

Keyword: Crime

Subject: DRUG OFFENCES INVOLVING UNDER 16's OVER LAST 5 YEARS

Request:

The number of people aged under 16 and under that have been cautioned, arrested or charged for dealing/supplying drugs, over the last five years.

Please can you provide the age of the person and type of drugs they were dealing/supplying, if possible, and breakdown by year, saying whether they were cautioned/arrested/charged.

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached document 01579.pdf – Appendix A.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

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The number of persons aged 16 and under dealt with for supplying a controlled drug by outcome and drugs involved – 1st April 2003 – 31st March 2008

2003/04

Age	Outcome	Drug Involved	Year
13	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2003/04
14	Arrested	Ecstasy	2003/04
14	Arrested	Cannabis; Amphetamine; Ecstasy ¹	2003/04
14	Cautioned	Cannabis	2003/04
14	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy	2003/04
15	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
15	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
15	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy	2003/04
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Arrested	Ecstasy	2003/04
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Arrested	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Benzodiazepines	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2003/04
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2003/04

2004/05

Age	Outcome	Drug Involved	Year
13	Cautioned	Cannabis	2004/05
13	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
14	Arrested	Cannabis; Ecstasy ¹	2004/05
14	Cautioned	Cannabis	2004/05
14	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
14	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
14	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
15	Arrested	Ecstasy	2004/05
15	Arrested	Cannabis	2004/05
15	Cautioned	Cannabis	2004/05
15	Cautioned	Cannabis	2004/05
15	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
15	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
15	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Arrested	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2004/05
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Arrested	Ecstasy	2004/05
16	Arrested	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2004/05
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Cautioned	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2004/05
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2004/05

2005/06 Appendix A

Age	Outcome	Drug Involved	Year
14	Arrested	Ecstasy	2005/06
14	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2005/06
15	Arrested	Ecstasy	2005/06
15	Arrested	Benzodiazepines	2005/06
15	Cautioned	Other	2005/06
15	Charged/Summonsed	Other	2005/06
15	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2005/06
15	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Arrested	Benzodiazepines	2005/06
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Cautioned	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis; Benzodiazepines ¹	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2005/06
16	Charged/Summonsed	Cannabis	2005/06

2006/07

Age	Outcome	Drug Involved	Year
13	Summonsed	Benzodiazepines	2006/07
14	Arrested	Other	2006/07
14	Arrested	Benzodiazepines	2006/07
15	Arrested	Cannabis	2006/07
15	Arrested	Ecstasy	2006/07
15	Cautioned	Steroids	2006/07
15	Cautioned	Amphetamine	2006/07
15	Cautioned	Amphetamine	2006/07
15	Charged	Ecstasy	2006/07
15	Summonsed	Cannabis	2006/07
15	Summonsed	Benzodiazepines	2006/07
15	Summonsed	Benzodiazepines	2006/07
15	Summonsed	Benzodiazepines	2006/07
15	Summonsed	Cannabis	2006/07
15	Summonsed	Benzodiazepines	2006/07
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2006/07
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2006/07
16	Arrested	Amphetamine	2006/07
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2006/07
16	Charged	Ecstasy	2006/07
16	Charged	Ecstasy	2006/07
16	Charged	Cannabis	2006/07
16	Summonsed	Amphetamine; Cannabis ¹	2006/07
16	Summonsed	Cannabis	2006/07
16	Summonsed	Cannabis	2006/07

Appendix	Outcome	Drug Involved	Year
12	Cautioned	Amphetamine	2007/08
14	Arrested	Other	2007/08
15	Arrested	Cannabis; Cocaine; Heroin; Ecstasy ¹	2007/08
15	Arrested	Cannabis	2007/08
15	Arrested	Cannabis	2007/08
15	Charged	Other	2007/08
15	Charged	Benzodiazepines	2007/08
16	Arrested	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2007/08
16	Arrested	Amphetamine; Cannabis; Ecstasy ¹	2007/08
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2007/08
16	Arrested	Amphetamine; Cannabis ¹	2007/08
16	Arrested	Ecstasy; Cannabis ¹	2007/08
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2007/08
16	Arrested	Cannabis	2007/08
16	Cautioned	Cannabis	2007/08
16	Charged	Cannabis	2007/08
16	Charged	Ecstasy	2007/08
16	Charged	Cannabis	2007/08
16	Charged	Benzodiazepines	2007/08

Note: Please note that prior to 2006/07, charges and summonses could not be separated. Furthermore, due to a change of recording system in 2007/08, summons information is no longer available.

¹ These are the drugs that were seized during the arrest. However, that does not necessarily mean all of these drugs were being dealt with by a supply offence as some may have been for possession only.

Source: Central Statistics Unit, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh