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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01896
Keyword: Crime
Subject: Drug Seizures - West Belfast

Request and 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.

Question 1

How many drugs seizures have been made in west Belfast between January 2010 and present?

Answer

There have been 71 drug seizure incidents recorded in West Belfast between the 1st January 2010 and the 30th June 2010.

Question 2

What types of drugs?

Answer

The types of drugs seized are listed in the table below:

Drug Seizures West Belfast 1st January 2010 – 30th June 2010

Drugs Seized
Amphetamine Powder
Amphetamine Tablets
Cannabis Resin
Cannabis Herbal
Cannabis Joints
Cocaine Powder
Cocaine Wraps
Ecstasy Tablets
Ecstasy Powder
Mephedrone Powder
Diazepam Tablets
Temazepam Tablets

Question 3

What is the monetary value of these drugs?

Answer

The total street value of drugs seized in West Belfast between the 1st January 2010 and the 30th June 2010 was £148,965¹.

Question 4

How many drug-related arrests have been made in this period?

Answer

42 persons were arrested for drug offences in West Belfast between the 1st January 2010 and the 30th June 2010.

Question 5

How many people have been charged with drug related offences in this period?

Answer

13 persons were charged with drug related offences in West Belfast between the 1st January 2010 and the 30th June 2010.

Question 6

How many of these have resulted in convictions?

Answer

So far 2 of these have resulted in convictions with 9 pending and 2 withdrawn.

Please note; the 2010 statistics from 1st April 2010 to 30th June 2010 are provisional and there may be forms still under process.

Question 7

How many drugs seizures were made in west Belfast between January and December 2009?

Answer

There were 145 drug seizure incidents recorded in West Belfast between 1st January 2009 and the 31st December 2009.

Question 8

What types of drugs?

Answer

The types of drugs seized are listed in the table below:

Drug Seizures West Belfast 1st January 2009 – 31st December 2009

Drugs Seized
Amphetamine
Cannabis Resin
Cannabis Herbal
Cannabis Joints
Cannabis Plants
Cocaine Powder
Ecstasy Tablets
Ecstasy Powder
Heroin Powder
Diazepam Tablets
Temazepam
Other Class C
Steroids Tablets

Question 9

What is the monetary value of these drugs?

Answer

The total street value of drugs seized in West Belfast in 2009 was £107,252¹.

Question 10

How many drug-related arrests have been made in this period?

Answer

91 persons were arrested for drug offences in West Belfast between the 1st January 2009 and the 31st December 2009.

Question 11

How many people have been charged with drug related offences in this period?

Answer

31 persons were charged with drug related offences in West Belfast during 2009.

Question 12

How many of these have resulted in convictions?

Answer

So far 16 of these have resulted in convictions with 9 pending and 6 withdrawn.

Question 13

How many drugs seizures were made in west Belfast between January and December 2008?

Answer

There were 121 drug seizure incidents recorded in West Belfast between 1st January 2008 and the 31st December 2008.

¹Please note: Statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment.

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