



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01378

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drug Seizures

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

I would like to attain the following information for each of the last five years.

(a) The number of drug seizures in (i) Co Fermanagh (ii) the whole of the north.

(b) the quantity or weight of each type of drug and its class seized in (i) Co Fermanagh (ii) the whole of the north.

(c) the total street value of drugs seized in (i) Co Fermanagh (ii) the whole of the north.

Answer

Table 1, below, presents details of the number of drugs seizures, quantity or weight and class of each type of drug seized and the total street value of drugs seized in the Police Area of Fermanagh for 2007/08 to 2011/12 (up to 29/02/12¹).

Table 1 – Police Area Fermanagh

Drug	Class	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 ¹
Amphetamine Powder (gms)	B	2.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	523.5
Amphetamine Wraps	B	6	0	0	0	0
Amphetamine Tablets	B	0	0	0	47	0
Cannabis Resin (gms)	B	989.4	337.1	180.6	62.2	24.9
Cannabis Herbal (gms)	B	600.1	299.7	394.1	4118.0	743.9
Cannabis Oil (gms)	B	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Cannabis Joints	B	4	5	9	7	10
Cannabis Plants	B	22	727	13	707	0
Cocaine Powder (gms)	A	215.0	63.0	1,088.0	8.5	8.0
Cocaine Wraps	A	2	0	3	3	0
Crack Cocaine (gms)	A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD Tablets	A	0	0	50	0	0
LSD Microdots	A	0	0	0	0	0
Ecstasy Tablets	A	2,259	1,084	115	197	60
Ecstasy Capsules	A	0	0	0	0	0
Ecstasy Powder (gms)	A	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.0	0.0
Ecstasy Crystal (gms)	A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mephedrone* Powder (gms)	B	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.48	0.0
Mephedrone* Wraps	B	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Opiate Ampoules	A	0	0	0	0	0
Opiate Mls	A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
Opiate Powder (gms)	A	3.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.01
Opiate Tablets	A	0	0	0	0	0
Opiate Wraps	A	0	0	0	0	0
Incidents		59	61	73	78	66
Street Value		£46,574	£377,416	£66,653	£397,073	£13,552

* Mephedrone became a controlled substance on 16th April 2010

Table 2, below, presents details of the number of drugs seizures, quantity or weight and class of each type of drug seized and the total street value of drugs seized in Northern Ireland for 2007/08 to 2011/12 (up to 29/02/12¹).

Table 2 – Northern Ireland

Drug	Class	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 ¹
Amphetamine Powder (gms)	B	12,653.6	5,510.1	95,018.8	11,213.2	5,467.7
Amphetamine Wraps	B	15	11	30	9	16
Amphetamine Tablets	B	267	327	5,821	411	14,794
Cannabis Resin (gms)	B	78,167.5	743,122.3	127,369.4	87,179.9	200,349.9
Cannabis Herbal (gms)	B	70,103.8	248,772.7	215,941.9	176,310.9	387,092.3

Cannabis Oil (gms)	B	2.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Joints	B	269	286	300	339	303
Cannabis Plants	B	4006	30,904	5,484	10,330	11,496
Cocaine Powder (gms)	A	17,882.6	24,151.7	27,485.2	7,831.0	11,495.3
Cocaine Wraps	A	97	149	110	174	315
Crack Cocaine (gms)	A	0.0	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
LSD Tablets	A	4	148	261	61	1
LSD Microdots	A	182	21	385	201	0
Ecstasy Tablets	A	244,720	34,404	54,434	14,774	23,611
Ecstasy Capsules	A	0	0	40	0	0
Ecstasy Powder (gms)	A	79.7	111.1	162.7	44.7	106.4
Ecstasy Crystal (gms)	A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mephedrone* Powder (gms)	B	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,869.72	1,282.71
Mephedrone* Wraps	B	N/A	N/A	N/A	104	3
Opiate Ampoules	A	1	4	0	32	2
Opiate Mls	A	142.57	158.57	219.75	272.00	121.37
Opiate Powder (gms)	A	106.48	130.68	8,623.40	4,611.03	357.34
Opiate Tablets	A	24	187	8	35	0
Opiate Wraps	A	50	42	131	63	62
Incidents		2,968	3,198	3,319	3,564	3,423
Street Value		£5,545,480	£23,367,356	£9,055,735	£9,057,953	£11,535,685

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Note: 2011/12 statistics reported are provisional and up to 29/02/12.

Source: Statistics Branch, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh.

Drugs Statistics are published on a monthly basis and can be accessed on the PSNI website using the following link;

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_drug_statistics.htm

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

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.

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