



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-02050

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Illegal Drug Supply

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

I am seeking information concerning arrests and charges made as part of investigations into illegal drug supply. Please can you tell me how many people in total (adults and minors) were arrested for offences relating to the supply of controlled drugs between January 2017 and 30 June 2018.

#### Answer

There were 1,642 people arrested for offences relating to the supply of controlled drugs between 01 January 2017 and 30 June 2018.

**Please note:** *A person may be arrested on more than one occasion during any time period. The figures provided are based on a count of persons arrested during the time period requested, not the number of arrest records.*

*The number of arrests resulting in subsequent charge may be subject to change where investigations are ongoing.*

#### Request 2

How many people were charged in relation to these offences?

#### Answer

Of those 1,642 people arrested, 590 were subsequently charged.

#### Request 3

If a simple administrative task, please can you supply details of the specific offences.

#### Answer

Please see list of arrest offences below.

<b>Offence Title</b>
AIDING AND ABETTING POSSESSION OF A CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF A CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF A CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
ATTEMPTING TO IMPORT A CONTROLLED DRUG
ATTEMPTING TO SUPPLY CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
ATTEMPTING TO SUPPLY CLASS B DRUG
ATTEMPTING TO SUPPLY CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN AN OFFER TO SUPPLY A CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN AN OFFER TO SUPPLY A CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN AN OFFER TO SUPPLY A CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN PRODUCTION OF CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN PRODUCTION OF CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN THE SUPPLY OF A CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN THE SUPPLY OF A CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
BEING CONCERNED IN THE SUPPLY OF A CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG
CONSPIRACY TO PRODUCE CLASS B DRUG
CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
CONSPIRACY TO SUPPLY CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG
CULTIVATING CANNABIS
ENCOURAGING OR ASSISTING IN THE SUPPLY OF A CONTROLLED DRUG
IMPORTING A CONTROLLED DRUG
OFFERING TO SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE
OFFERING TO SUPPLY CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
OFFERING TO SUPPLY CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
OFFERING TO SUPPLY CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG
POSSESSION OF A CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
POSSESSION OF A CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
POSSESSION OF A CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
POSSESSION OF A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY
PRODUCING CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
PRODUCING CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
PRODUCING CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG
SUPPLYING A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE
SUPPLYING CLASS A CONTROLLED DRUG
SUPPLYING CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG
SUPPLYING CLASS C CONTROLLED DRUG

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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