



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01040

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Drugs and Alcohol

**Subject:** Recorded Offences Concerning Cannabis Cultivation

### Request and Answer:

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

### Request 1

I am writing to request information from Police records on the number of Recorded Offences concerning cannabis cultivation, broken down into nationalities, Could I please have the data from 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017.

### Answer

Please see table below.

Year	Nationality	Recorded offences
2017	China	2
	England	6
	Hungary	1
	India	1
	Ireland	5
	Latvia	2
	Lithuania	8
	Northern Ireland	134
	Poland	7
	Portugal	2
	UK	27
	Unknown	1
	Unknown	6
	Viet Nam	5
2018	China	3
	England	4
	France	1
	Ireland	1

	Lithuania	3
	Northern Ireland	95
	Poland	11
	Slovenia	1
	UK	23
	Unknown	3
	Wales	1
<b>2019</b>	England	5
	Ireland	4
	Latvia	2
	Lithuania	14
	Northern Ireland	76
	Poland	16
	Portugal	1
	Saudi Arabia	1
	Scotland	2
	UK	19
	Unknown	6
	Viet Nam	3
<b>2020</b>	England	11
	France	1
	Ireland	7
	Lithuania	8
	Northern Ireland	102
	Poland	9
	Portugal	2
	Saudi Arabia	1
	Scotland	2
	Slovakia	3
	UK	16
	United States of America	2
	Unknown	9
<b>2021</b>	Albania	3
	England	3
	Greece	1
	Ireland	6
	Latvia	3
	Lithuania	18
	Northern Ireland	86
	Poland	9
	Portugal	1
	Scotland	3
	South Africa	1
	UK	10
	Unknown	2
	Viet Nam	1
	Wales	1
<b>2022</b>	Czech Republic	1
	England	1

	Iran, Islamic republic of	1
	Ireland	4
	Lithuania	8
	Northern Ireland	51
	Poland	5
	Scotland	2
	UK	10
	Unknown	1
	<b>Total Offences</b>	<b>907</b>

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their 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.