



Freedom of Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: HC/00208/17

KEYWORD: Crime Statistics

Request	Response																
Please can I ask the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act: Since the ban on so called 'legal highs' came into force in May 2016, could you tell me - Total arrests for possession of synthetic drugs. - Total arrests for possession of synthetic drugs with intent to supply/supply. If possible, please could you also provide a breakdown into arrests for possession/supply of different types of synthetic drugs. I would like to request the most recent figures (possibly for first six months of 2016/17) for overall arrests for possession of controlled drugs and separately supply offences relating to controlled drugs.	Synthetic drugs covers a wide scope of man made substances such as ketamine, in addition legal highs do not cover all synthetic drugs. However for the purposes of your request searches have been undertaken from 01/05/2016 to 31/12/2016 for the following Home Office offences: Export a psychoactive Substance – 93/46 Import a psychoactive substance – 93/45 Offer to supply a psychoactive substance – 93/43 Produce a psychoactive substance – 93/41 Supply a psychoactive substance – 93/42 Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information as no arrests have been made for the above listed offences. Information is held for the following offence: Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply – 93/44 <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>Arrests</th></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>28</td></tr></table> Searches have been undertaken from 01/04/2016 to 31/12/2016 for all drug related arrests broken down by Home Office classification as follows:	Month	Arrests	July	3	August	12	September	3	October	8	November	1	December	1	Total	28
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Offence	Arrests
6a Trafficking of Drugs (including supply)	862
6b Possession of Drugs	930
Total	1792

Please note an individual can be arrested multiple times for multiple offences, therefore this information relates to the total number of arrests and not the total number of detainees.

Information relating to the Home Office counting rules for recorded crime, specifically in relation to drug offences can be accessed as follows:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/534972/count-drug-july-2016.pdf