

This request relates to the following offences set out in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971:

- i. Possession of Cannabis - s.5(1) of the Act;
- ii. Possession of Cannabis with intent to supply - s.5(3) of the Act.

1. For each of these two offences separately, please supply the following data broken down by each year a) 2010, b) 2011, c) 2012, d) 2013, e) 2014 and f) 2015 so far:

- a) The total number of individuals arrested by your force
- b) The total number of individuals cautioned by your force
- c) The total number of individuals charged by your force

Possess Cannabis			
	Total Arrests	Cautioned	Charged
2010	3496	1183	1747
2011	3839	1019	2044
2012	3253	782	1680
2013	2706	535	1539
2014	2518	549	1399
2015	2302	447	1216

Possess Cannabis with intent to supply			
	Total Arrests	Cautioned	Charged
2010	506	16	135
2011	681	8	229
2012	753	10	230
2013	669	13	254
2014	552	17	185
2015	543	11	149

2. Please also send copies of all guidance issued to officers relating to Cannabis offences since 1 Jan 2012.

All officers are trained in the offences in relation to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (revised)
<http://www.google.co.uk/url?url=http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1971/38/contents&rct=j&frm=1&q=&esrc=s&sa=U&ved=0ahUKEwio4OuUzPHJAhWlcrQKHUcpA8wQFggUMAA&usg=AFQjCNHL5FekfdgiM6jzimy9IP9ev3N3zA>

There are also West Midlands Police Policies and Procedures

CPS Guidance

http://www.google.co.uk/url?url=http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/d_to_g/drug_offences/&rct=j&frm=1&q=&esrc=s&sa=U&ved=0ahUKEwjn3t-3zPHJAhWETHQKHcDnCbUQFggUMAA&usg=AFQjCNEo44bTzgU2NJQ_5C5RhMNBasgOVg

Dependent on roles and responsibilities will influence what level of knowledge and training they have.