

1. How many crime reports in the past 5 years have included the word 'spice' or 'synthetic cannabis'? Please break down the figures per each calendar year.

"SPICE" is a street name for a synthetic cannaboid so offences are classified under the same field as synthetic cannaboids in general.

Possession of a synthetic cannaboid was not a criminal offence until the enactment of the Psychoactive substances Act 2016

which came into force on 14th December 2016.

It is not possible to differentiate substances under the Act so all offences have been included

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
POSSESS W/ SUPPLY CLASS B - SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID AGONISTS	5	2		2		2
PERMIT PREMISES TO BE USED CLASS B - SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID AGONISTS			1			
PRODUCE CLASS B - SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID AGONISTS			2			1
POSSESSION CLASS B - SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID AGONISTS				2	4	23
SUPPLY/OFFER TO SUPPLY CLASS B - SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID AGONISTS				1		
POSSESS A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY					4	
SUPPLY A PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE					2	
TOTALS	5	2	3	5	10	26

The offences relating to "AGONISTS" is not actually the cannaboid but a receptor that causes the substance to act .

