

1. Please can you make disclosure of any force policies, procedures and/or guidance documents which refer to and/or detail the forces position in relation to dealing with members of the public who are found to be in possession of cannabis for personal use (including where the person believes in its assistance in alleviating medical conditions).

**Force policy for dealing with persons in possession of cannabis is fluid with several possibilities available to officers to adequately deal with the situation. Officers have the use of general advice / discretion, fixed penalty, cannabis caution, Cranstoun referral and in the correct circumstances, arrest.**

2. Please can you confirm the forces policy in relation to any member of the public who presents with a Cancard™ upon being questioned, detained and/or arrested for offences relating to the possession of cannabis for personal use (including where the person believes in its assistance in alleviating medical conditions).

**West Midlands Police were the first force in the UK to be involved with Cancard in 2019. Training is delivered during designated events by our Drug Expert Team that covers Cancard and advises officers of the options available if in possession of a valid Cancard.**

3. Please can you confirm the number of people a) arrested and b) convicted in accordance with s.5(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 within your force area for the Year ending March 2022 and September 2014.

I can confirm that I wish to receive disclosure of the number of people a) arrested and b) convicted

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**Please see attached.**

For clarity, I can confirm that Cancard™ is a medical ID card, recognised by the police. It is a validated indication to any third-party that someone is consuming cannabis for medical reasons.