

Request Reference: 1739A/22

b) Has any work been carried out, to establish the numbers arrested or charged for any form of violent crime, who have traces of any psychoactive drug on their system, or who admit to persistent drug use /dependency?

We do not hold any information in relation to offenders/prisoners with traces of psychoactive drugs in their systems. However, regarding violent crime, there has been a push across the 'non-trigger' testing areas. The following table shows the testing numbers from December 2021 through to August 2022, across the four custody blocks within West Midlands Police. These numbers may appear to be low, however these types of testing need to be authorised by an Inspector before they can be carried out:

Offence Type	Test Result				Grand Total
	Cocaine	Opiates	Both	Negative	
Child Offence	2	0	0	0	2
Other	39	3	22	14	78
Public Order	5	1	1	4	11
Sexual Assault	4	0	0	4	8
Violence	86	7	42	50	185
Weapon	3	0	6	2	11
Grand Total	139	11	71	74	295