



## Freedom Of Information

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## Information Management

Our ref: 2236/20  
Date: 14/05/2020

Dear B. Choudhury,

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 15/04/20.

You requested the following information:

Please would you let me know how many arrests were made by West Yorkshire Police for drug and drug related offences between 1 Jan-31 Dec 2018, 1 Jan-31 Dec 2019 and 1 Jan-31 March 2020?

I would like the figures broken down into:

1. age group e.g. 0-10; 11-17; 18-30; 31-50; 51-70; over 70s or whichever way your service breaks down the age groups.
2. gender.
3. racial/ethnicity of suspects e.g. white; Asian; African-Caribbean or whichever way your service breaks down the racial/ethnic groups.
4. The class of drug.
5. An overall estimate street value of the drugs seized or whichever way you record the value of seizures.

I would also like to know how many ended up being charged and sent to court as a result of your investigations and how many were resolved without court action.

Please see the attached document.

West Yorkshire Police work closely with schools through our Safer Schools Partnership, where dedicated police officers support schools in dealing with incidents, as well as giving advice and support to teachers and pupils with a view to preventing young people becoming involved in criminal activity.

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above, in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Dawson  
Disclosure Officer.

## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

### 1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint, we encouraged that you discuss the decision with the case officer that has dealt with your request.

### 2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again, is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

### 3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision, will be carried out by a senior member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independent conducted, regardless to the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid, if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

[foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Or

West Yorkshire Police  
FOI Internal Reviews  
PO Box 9  
Laburnum Road  
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In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances, by another 20 working days.

### 4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision, made by West Yorkshire Police. You can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113

### Arrests for drug offences, 01/01/2018 to 31/03/2020

#### Notes

Figures represent the number of arrests (not individuals) made during the period which:

- involved one or more Drug offences

Age based on age at time of arrest

Ethnicity represents the detainee self-defined ethnicity

Offence breakdown represents all drug related offences linked to those arrests

- one detainee can be arrested for multiple offences

Arresting resulting in a charge represents the number of arrests resulting in one or more charges being laid at court for drug related offences

- one detainee can be charged with multiple offences

These figures may be subject to further investigation and will therefore change over time

Crime classifications based on Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

Age Group	2018	2019	2020
10 or under	0	0	0
11 to 17	287	364	99
18 to 30	2327	2593	689
31 to 50	1521	1718	469
51 to 70	163	181	37
71 or over	5	3	3

Gender	2018	2019	2020
Male	3884	4352	1176
Female	417	506	121
Unknown	2	1	0

Ethnicity	2018	2019	2020
A1. ASIAN - INDIAN	49	61	17
A2. ASIAN - PAKISTANI	758	894	250
A3. ASIAN - BANGLADESHI	32	36	14
A9. ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	87	94	16
B1. BLACK CARIBBEAN	161	148	38
B2. BLACK AFRICAN	65	115	19
B9. ANY OTHER BLACK BACKGROUND	49	38	14
M1. WHITE & BLACK CARIBBEAN	170	174	43
M2. WHITE & BLACK AFRICAN	15	16	1
M3. WHITE & ASIAN	37	42	17

M9. ANY OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	23	18	11
NS. NOT STATED	155	180	58
O1. CHINESE	6	5	0
O9. ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	74	71	25
W1. WHITE BRITISH	2381	2662	696
W2. WHITE IRISH	20	16	5
W9. ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	221	289	73

Offence	2018	2019	2020
92A Trafficking in controlled drugs - class unspecified	51	53	14
92A Trafficking in controlled drugs - class A	29	47	8
92A Trafficking in controlled drugs - class B	887	968	228
92A Trafficking in controlled drugs - class C	957	1068	351
92D Possession of controlled drugs (excluding Cannabis) - class A	1999	2126	591
92D Possession of controlled drugs (excluding Cannabis) - class B	53	56	21
92E Possession of controlled drugs (Cannabis) - class B	121	140	36
92D Possession of controlled drugs (excluding Cannabis) - class C	445	537	136
92D Possession of controlled drugs (excluding Cannabis) - class unspecified	0	1	0
92C Other drug offences - class A	26	26	8
92C Other drug offences - class B	142	217	22
92C Other drug offences - class C	240	257	94
92C Other drug offences - class unspecified	236	334	58

	2018	2019	2020
Arrests resulting in charge(s)	1393	1322	236