



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0671

On 26/06/2023, you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding arrests for drug offences.

Please share the following information for the financial years between 2015/16 up to and including 2022/23:

Q1) The number of under 18's arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total. (All nationalities, including UK)

Q2) The number of under 18's who are non-UK nationals arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total.

Q3) The number of under 16's arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total. (All nationalities, including UK).

Q4) The number of under 16's who are non-UK nationals arrested for drug offences, broken down into financial years (e.g. 2015/16, 2016/17 etc) and a grand total.

Q5) The number of under 18's arrested for drug offences, broken down by nationality.

Q6) The number of under 18's who are non-UK nationals arrested for drug offences, broken down by offence type.

Q7) The youngest under 18 non-UK national to be arrested for drug possession, and the youngest under 18 to be arrested for supplying. Please include the year of arrests (in financial years).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

I can confirm a search has been conducted of the custody records from 01/01/2015 – 31/03/2023, whereby the detainee was under 18 years of age and have had a Reason for Arrest (RFAs) of the following offences, Drugs import/export, Drugs Manufacture Class A, Drug Possession Class A, Drug Supply Class A, Drugs Possession Class B, Drug Manufacture Class B and Drugs Supply Class B. This search has included the recorded nationality of the detainee. The results are as follows.

- 1) The total of under 18's arrested for drug offences, broken down by financial year for all nationalities

Offence	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
Drugs Import / Export	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drugs Manufacture Class A	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drugs Manufacture Class B	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	8
Drugs Possession Class A	2	8	5	8	5	4	5	10	47
Drugs Possession Class B	24	27	19	22	33	16	14	16	171
Drugs Supply Class A	4	31	36	30	36	25	13	32	207
Drugs Supply Class B	13	16	11	9	19	24	15	10	117
Total	44	83	75	69	95	71	47	68	552

- 2) The total of under 18s non-UK nationals and unknown nationalities arrested for drug offences broken down by financial year

Financial Year	Foreign National	Unknown	Total
2015/16	4	0	4
2016/17	7	2	9
2017/18	9	0	9
2018/19	3	0	3
2019/20	7	0	7
2020/21	6	1	7
2021/22	4	0	4
2022/23	6	1	7
Total	46	4	50

- 3) The total of under 16's arrested for drug offences broken down by financial year for all nationalities

Age	British National	Foreign National	Unknown	Total
11	1	0	0	1
12	1	0	0	1
13	2	0	0	2
14	31	1	0	32
15	72	8	0	80
16	165	15	2	182
17	230	22	2	254
Total	502	46	4	552

- 4) The total of under 16's non-UK nationals and unknown nationalities arrested for drug offences broken down by financial year

Age	Foreign National	Unknown	Total
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	1	0	1
15	8	0	8
16	15	2	17
Total	24	2	26

- 5) The total of under 18's arrested for drug offences, broken down by nationality

Nationalities	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Czech Republic	0	0	0	1	5	6	4	16
England	0	0	0	2	6	12	23	43
Eritrea	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Irish Republic	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	7
Kenya	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Philippines	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Slovak Republic	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
United Kingdom	1	1	2	29	66	153	207	459
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	1	1	2	32	80	182	254	552

6) The total of under 18' who are non-UK nationals and unknown arrested for drug offences broken down by offence type

Drug offences	14	15	16	17	Total
Drugs Manufacture Class B				1	1
Drugs Possession Class A		1		3	4
Drugs Possession Class B	1	1	3	6	11
Drugs Supply Class A		4	7	10	21
Drugs Supply Class B		2	7	4	13
Total	1	8	17	24	50

- 7) The youngest under 18 non-UK national or unknown to be arrested for drug possession is 14 and arrested in the financial year of 2016/17.
The youngest under 18 to be arrested for supplying is 11 in the financial year of 2016/17.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Gloucestershire Constabulary