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Our Ref: FOI2019/00166

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00166

I write in connection with your request for information received on 8th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

How many arrests have there been in your jurisdiction for offences related to the production of cannabis in each of the last ten years

- **How many of these files have been passed to the Crown Prosecution Service each year**
- **How much money has been spent on enforcing cannabis prohibition laws overall by your force each year**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries within the Force please see our response below.

(i)

| Recorded Arrests Class B Cannabis - Production (Includes Cultivation) Or Being Concerned In Production Of A Controlled Drug 1st Jan 2008 - 31st Dec 2018 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Grand Total |
| Grand Total | 54 | 85 | 108 | 115 | 118 | 119 | 68 | 53 | 64 | 38 | 39 | 861 |

(ii) In relation to Part ii of your request Bedfordshire Police do not centrally record this information and therefore unable to provide this data.

(iii) With regards to Part iii of your request Bedfordshire Police do not capture this level or specific type of expenditure.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.