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Our Ref: FOI2019/00339

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/00339

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

• How many crimes have been reported in prisons in the last five years (2018,2017,2016,2015 and 2014), where the synthetic cannabinoid spice or black mamba is mentioned?

Please can you break this down by year and month, and also detail be given on the nature of the crime (eg there was a disturbance or robbery in which the drug was mentioned. Or the report was due to use of spice in prison)

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.

Drug related offences recorded in prisons (1.1.2014 – 31.12.2018)				
	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug		2		2
Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply	1	1		2
Misuse Of Drugs Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug - Other Class B	1		1	2
Misuse Of Drugs Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug - Other Class C	1			1
Grand Total	3	3	1	7

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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