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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/00406

I write in connection with your request for information received on 16th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

1: A year by year breakdown of the number of times police were called to seize or confiscate illegal drugs from school premises in the period from 1st January 2014 to the 31st of December 2019. Schools include; primary school, secondary school, academies and sixth form colleges.

2: What was the type of drug involved on each occasion?

3: What was the amount or volume of the drug involved on each occasion?

4: What was the gender of the person it was seized from on each occasion?

5: How old was the person it was seized from on each occasion? Please specify in the following age ranges: 0-11, 12-16, or 17+

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 conducted by Bedfordshire Police and the crime recording systems within the Force please see our response in the tables below: -

Drug Offences Recorded at School/College/Further Education; Recorded dates between: 1.1.2014 - 22.5.2018						
Suspect Age Group / Location / Offence	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
F						
12-16 yrs	1		3	1		5
School	1		3	1		5
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug	1		3	1		5
M						
12-16 yrs	5	6	11	4	1	27
College			1	1	1	3
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug			1	1	1	3
School	5	6	10	3		24
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug	5	4	9	3		21
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply		1	1			2
State Based: Misuse Of Drugs Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply. Other Class A		1				1

17 + yrs	1	1	3	6	1	12
College				2		2
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug				1		1
State Based: Misuse Of Drugs Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug - Class A Cocaine				1		1
School	1	1		3		5
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug	1	1		3		5
University			3	1	1	5
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug			2		1	3
State Based: Drugs - Class B Cannabis - Possession Of A Controlled Drug With Intent To Supply			1			1
State Based: Misuse Of Drugs Having Possession Of A Controlled Drug - Class A Cocaine				1		1
Grand Total	7	7	17	11	2	44

Drug Offences Recorded at School/College/Further Education; Recorded dates between: 23.5.2018 - 31.12.2019			
Offender Gender / Offender Age Group / Location / Offence Recorded	2018	2019	Grand Total
Female		1	1
12-16 yrs		1	1
Secondary / High School		1	1
092/61 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis		1	1
Male	4	2	6
092/61 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1		1
Preparatory / First / Primary / Infant / Junior / Middle School		1	1
092/65 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Other		1	1
17+ yrs	3	1	4
College	2	1	3
092/50 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	1		1
092/61 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1	1	2
Secondary / High School	1		1
092/61 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1		1
Grand Total	4	3	7

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May 2018, when fully implemented, will help keep Bedfordshire safe, bring more offenders to justice and improve outcomes for victims. Updating our ICT was absolutely necessary to ensure Bedfordshire Police remains as effective and efficient as possible. The public should be reassured crime continues to be reported and investigated as normal but whilst colleagues become more comfortable and familiar with how Athena works Bedfordshire Police has some concerns around data quality for which reason some of the data provided concerning events recorded after 23 May 2018, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

The data provided has been linked to the location of a school however, this does not necessarily mean that the offence took place within the school or during school time.

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.

