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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2020/02147

I write in connection with your request for information received on 6th April. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. **How many arrests have your police force made for the offences of supplying controlled drugs or possession with intent to supply controlled drugs in the last year (2019 calendar year) for young persons aged sixteen or under?**
2. **Please provide if possible the figures for each age group i.e. ten, eleven, twelve etc and also broken down by gender for each of the two offences, breaking the alleged offences down by Class A and Class B drugs.**
3. **For those children who were arrested AND were aged 13 or under please provide specific details on the charge they were arrested on and the exact type and class of drug they were alleged to have been involved with.**

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 their custody and crime recording systems within the Force please see our response in the tables below: -

Recorded Supply of Controlled Drugs; Arrests; Offender is 17 yrs and under		
Recorded dates: 01.01.2019 - 31.12.2019		
Arrested / Offender Age / Offence	2019	Grand Total
ARRESTED	14	14
13	1	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
15	5	5
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Other	1	1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - Heroin	2	2
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
16	8	8
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Cocaine	1	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	3	3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - Heroin	1	1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - MDMA	2	2
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
Grand Total	14	14

Recorded Supply of Controlled Drugs; Arrests; Offender is 17 yrs and under
Recorded dates: 01.01.2019 - 31.12.2019

Arrested / Outcome = Charged / Offender Age / Offence	2019	Grand Total
Charged / Summons	10	10
	13	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
	15	2
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
	16	7
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Cocaine	1	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Cannabis	3	3
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - MDMA	2	2
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis	1	1
Grand Total	10	10

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.