

FOI 12048: Cannabis Possession Crimes in West Mercia between 01/04/2016 and 31/03/2019

Outcome	Financial Year			Grand Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Cannabis/Khat warning	538	476	366	1380
Caution - Adult - alternate offence	2	6	4	12
Caution - adults	280	161	140	581
Caution - Youth - alternate offence	0	2	2	4
Caution - youths	45	78	67	190
Charge/summons	411	312	262	985
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	9	10	2	21
Community Resolution	3	5	3	11
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	0	3	5	8
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	0	12	8	20
Further investigation, resulting from the crime report, which could provide evidence sufficient to support formal action being taken against the suspect is not in the public interest – police decision.	27	23	13	63
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	12	8	10	30
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	5	23	21	49
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	37	57	79	173
Penalty Notice for Disorder	101	56	49	206
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	0	1	0	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	0	1	0	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	3	3	6	12
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	0	2	0	2
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	3	3	1	7
Transferred to external agency	5	4	6	15
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Grand Total	1489	1267	1114	3870