

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0783
Date: 27th April 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Follow up to FOI Response 2022-0650

I also believe the information relating to cannabis is available as you have previously provided the figures, as reported here <https://inews.co.uk...>

In Scotland, officers recorded 8,834 seizures of herbal cannabis, cannabis resin and cannabis plants in the financial years between April 2015 and March 2020.

Please provide per year the count of offences for production, manufacture and cultivation of drugs (cannabis) between 01/01/16 to the current date, broken down by premises type (such as commercial or residential).

Please provide per year the count of offence for permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes – Class B Cannabis – broken down by premises type

First of all, I would advise you that the figures quoted in the article referred to *appear to have come from* a Scottish Government publication, [Drug seizures and Offender Characteristics, 2018-2019 and 2019-20](#).

This data is not representative of all drugs crime in Scotland and further explanation as to how the various calculations are reached is also available [online](#).

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I must first of all advise you that crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) offence classification codes.

However, neither 'offence' you have mentioned is an SGJD classification.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

To be of some assistance however, the table below provides the number of recorded Production, Manufacture and Cultivation of Drug crimes between 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2021:

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Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Production, Manufacture & Cultivation of Drug	871	814	623	621	668	613

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 6th April 2022. The Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised, and then selecting the Stats Class Code '504402'.

As explained in our previous response 22-0650, case by case assessment of each of the associated crime reports would be required to determine whether the drug involved was Cannabis, and also to note the premises type.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.