



## Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/22/1332

1. Can you confirm the total number of individuals arrested for 'tissue begging' on the rail network in, a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, and d) 2022 to the present date, and provide an overall total figure?
2. Please provide details of any criminal charges made in each case and convictions.

## RESPONSE

There is no specific offence or BTP Crime Code for "tissue begging". Therefore all crime records have been searched for Cak Free Text Keywords (MO Comments) field matches pattern %tissue%beg% (% being a wildcard, which would therefore pick up words such as "begging" or "beggar").

Please find the results, in relation to your request, in the table below

Calendar Year	BTP Recorded Crimes	Linked to a Primary Arrests in England & Wales	Led to a Charge (as of 10/08/2022)	Led to a Summons/Postal Requisition (as of 10/08/2022)	Led to a Conviction (as of 10/08/2022)
2019	28	4	3	0	3
2020	48	7	2	1	1
2021	15	2	0	0	0
2022 (up to 09/08/2022 only)	9	0	0	0	0

Please note that investigations and appearances at court are not instantaneous. There will therefore be a delay factor between the offence being recorded a suspect potentially being charged or convicted.

Please note that it is unlikely that BTP would arrest for such an offence. A suspect is more likely to be reported for process instead (without attending a custody suite).