



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3299
We received your request on the 03/04/2025.

Request

You asked us:

- 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 (2024 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 as well as their age.**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Q1

BTP in England & Wales has 26 primary arrest records for persons aged 16 and under (at date of arrest) linked to drugs supply and PWITS offences in calendar year 2024 (by arrest date).

Please be aware:

- It is possible for people to be arrested for multiple offences at once, which may lead certain matters to appear as secondary arrests. I.e. a robbery suspect who is subsequently found to be in possession of a significant quantity of drugs.

BTP in Scotland has 3 arrest records for persons aged 16 and under (at date of arrest) linked to drugs supply and PWITS offences in calendar year 2024 (by arrest date).

Please note that BTP arrests in i) England & Wales and ii) Scotland are recorded and counted differently.

Q2 and Q3

This is answered in the tables below.

BTP count of primary arrest records in England & Wales in calendar year 2024 (by arrest date) for selected drugs supply and possession with intent to supply offences by arrestee gender and age (aged 16 and under only at arrest date).

	Primary Arrest Suspect Gender and Age (at Arrest Date)				
Offence	Female	Male			
Linking Crime Code Description	Aged 16	Aged 13	Aged 14	Aged 15	Aged 16
Cannabis Possession With Intent To Supply (W41)		1	1	6	6
Cocaine Possession With Intent To Supply (W17)					1
Heroin Possession With Intent To Supply (W21)	1				
Other Class A Possession With Intent To Supply (W25)					4
Other Class B supply or Offering to Supply or being Concerned in the Supply (W27)				2	2
Other Class C Possession With Intent To Supply (W33)					1
Unspecified Possession With Intent To Supply (W37)					1
Total	1	1	1	8	15

BTP count of arrest records in Scotland in calendar year 2024 (by arrest date) for selected drugs supply and possession with intent to supply offences by arrestee gender and age (aged 16 and under only at arrest date).

	Suspect Gender and Age (at Arrest Date)	
Offence	Male	
Linking Crime Code Description	Aged 13	Aged 15
Cannabis Possession With Intent To Supply (W41)		1
Scot: Cannabis Possession With Intent To Supply (W41)	1	1
Total	1	2