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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05841

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

Since the blanket ban came into force on May 26 in 2016, how many people has your police force arrested on suspicion of possession with the intent to supply new psychoactive substances?

**Please break the data down by financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 and by age.
 Please provide the youngest age of each person arrested, by year.
 Please see a table below for how I would like the data presented.
 Please note that I would like the data in a downloadable Excel file.**

The number of people arrested on suspicion of possession with the intent to supply drugs classed as new psychoactive substances

Age of person arrested 2016/17 2017/18
Under 10
10 to 13
14 to 17
18 to 20
21 to 30
31 to 40
41 to 50
51 to 60
61 to 70
71 plus
Age unknown
Age of youngest person arrested

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.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Age Group	2016/17	2017/18
Drugs – Possess a Psychoactive Substance with Intent to Supply		
Under 10	0	0
10 to 13	0	0
14 to 17	0	0
18 to 20	2	0
21 to 30	2	0
31 to 40	1	0
41 to 50	0	0
51 to 60	1	0
61 to 70	0	0

71 plus	0	0
Age unknown	0	0
Age of youngest person arrested	18	N/A

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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Hertfordshire Constabulary 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 Hertfordshire Constabulary 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.