

FOI 11515: Cannabis Cultivation and Possession in West Mercia between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2018

	Year		
Cultivation/Possession and Outcome	2017	2018	Grand Total
Cannabis Cultivation	110	72	182
Caution - Adult - alternate offence	1	1	2
Caution - adults	23	15	38
Charge/summons	45	19	64
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	1	0	1
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	1	1
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1	0	1
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.	1	3	4
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	13	10	23
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	2	2	4
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	16	5	21
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	0	1	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	2	0	2
Transferred to external agency	0	1	1
Under Investigation	5	14	19
Cannabis Possession	1272	975	2247
Cannabis/Khat warning	522	356	878
Caution - Adult - alternate offence	0	1	1
Caution - adults	182	120	302
Caution - Youth - alternate offence	0	1	1
Caution - youths	76	69	145
Charge/summons	298	226	524
Charge/Summons - alternate offence	4	1	5
Community Resolution	3	5	8
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.	3	3	6
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	4	11	15

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	17	44
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	7	8	15
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	14	18	32
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action	51	50	101
Penalty Notice for Disorder	59	48	107
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	1	0	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	1	0	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	3	6	9
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	2	0	2
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	1	2	3
Transferred to external agency	4	5	9
Under Investigation	10	28	38
Grand Total	1382	1047	2429