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**Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 004550/20**

I write in connection with your request for information received by Norfolk Constabulary on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

How many spice-related crimes have been committed in Norwich in the last year? How many of those have been supplying or possession? Please provide five years of data, broken down by type of crime and year of offence.

**Response to your Request**

The response provided below is correct as of 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Norfolk Constabulary has considered your request and our response is below.

Research has been undertaken of crimes recorded within the Norwich District where the crime MO text contains either 'spice', 'New Psychoactive Substance' or 'NPS'. The results have been reviewed and those provided below are offences that are spice-related.

Using a keyword search may not return all crimes that are relevant to your request as it relies on the words being contained within the specific text field and correct spelling.

Offence Description	Number of Crimes
<b>2014</b>	
Conveyance etc of List A articles into or out of prison	1
Misconduct in a public office by act or commission	1
<b>2015</b>	
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1
Conveyance etc of List A articles into or out of prison	7
Conveyance etc of List B articles into or out of prison	5
Other offences relating to prison security	1
<b>2016</b>	
Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	2
Conveyance etc of list A articles into or out of prison (Indictable)	1
Conveyance etc of List B articles into or out of prison	1
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Ketamine	2
Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	3
Throwing articles into prison - Section 40CB of Prison Act 1952	1
Without authority possess inside a prison an item specified in Sec 40D (3A)	1
<b>2017</b>	

Assault without Injury - Common assault and battery	1
Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	5
Throwing articles into prison - Section 40CB of Prison Act 1952	3
Without authority possess inside a prison an item specified in Sec 40D (3A)	1
<b>2018</b>	
Possess a psychoactive substance in a custodial institution	2
<b>2019</b>	
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists	1
Throwing articles into prison - Section 40CB of Prison Act 1952	1
Without authority possess inside a prison an item specified in Sec 40D (3A)	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>