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1 - According to a Home Office factsheet (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/341917/Khat_leaflet_A4_v12_2_.pdf), from 24 June 2014, police will be able to use khat warnings and penalty notices for disorder (PND) for £60 to adults. I would like to know how many people, since 24 June 2014, have been:

- issued a khat warning for the first possession offence
- issued a PND for the second possession offence

One warning for "Possession of a class C controlled drug - Khat" was issued during the period. No PNDs were issued in relation to this offence.

The above figure reflects the number of warnings/penalty notices for disorder (PNDs) in relation to the offence of "Possess a class C controlled drug - Khat" issued during the period 24/06/2014 - 31/05/2015

2 - I would also like to know, since 24 June 2014, the number of people who have been arrested on suspicion of:

- producing of or being concerned in the production of khat
- supplying or offering to supply or being concerned in supplying or offering to supply khat
- possessing khat
- possessing khat with an intent to supply khat
- permitting premises to be used for the unlawful purpose of khat
- importing or exporting khat

I would also like to know how many of those arrests led to being charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. I would then like to know how many of those charged led to convictions, and please provide a brief description of the details of the case resulting a conviction.

One arrest was made during the period. The individual was charged and subsequently found not guilty at Court.

The above figure represents the number of arrests made during the period for any offence (including attempts) of: Producing or being concerned in the production of khat, supplying or offering to supply or being concerned in supplying or offering to supply khat, possessing khat, possessing khat with an intent to supply khat, permitting premises to be used for the unlawful purpose of khat, importing or exporting khat.

3 - As I understand from a Home Office circular (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/322469/011_2014AnnexA.pdf), police forces are required to record seizures, therefore I would like to know how much khat has been seized by West Yorkshire Police since 24 June 2014.

One seizure of khat was made during the period; the quantity seized is not recorded.

The above figure is based on all offences first crimed during the period which contained the search term %khat% within the crime notes, crime summary and/or crime MO (modus operandi) and all property records created during the period which contained the search term %khat% within the property type, property sub-type, property notes and/or property description

These figures are subject to further investigation and reclassification, and may therefore change over time.