

Drug data and narrative

| 4. Tackling Consequences of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Issues | Cumulative | Cumulative | Cumulative |
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| Data to Oct 2013 (unless stated otherwise) | Last Year | This Year | % diff. |
| Prosecution of Class A drug suppliers* | 44 | 71 | 61.4 |
| Possession of Class A drugs** | 253 | 253 | 0.0 |
| Possession of Class B drugs*** | 1794 | 1791 | -0.2 |
| Possession of Class C drugs**** | 24 | 12 | -50.0 |
| Possession of drugs | 2071 | 2056 | -0.7 |

Below are some examples of recent operations that the Serious Crime Directorate has led against individuals and organised crime groups (OCG) involved in the supply and cultivation of drugs:

- In June and July this year a total of 14 people were arrested following an investigation into the supply of cocaine on Canvey Island. Five individuals have been charged and remanded into custody, the remainder are on bail. Seizures during the operation included 1.5 kilos of unadulterated cocaine, 5 kilos of cutting agent, 50 wraps of prepared cocaine, cannabis plants at 5 different grows, £30,700 in cash and a stolen Ducatti motorbike.
- On 28th August at Basildon Crown Court a confiscation order was successfully obtained for the sum of £49,230 against an individual who was the leaseholder of premises where cannabis was being grown.
- The Serious Crime Directorate targeted an OCG involved in large scale cocaine supply in Essex. One of the defendants was sentenced in July to 15 years imprisonment after pleading guilty. In total, the OCG was sentenced to 47 years in prison. During the operation a total of 25 kilos of cocaine and £410,000 were seized.

*The number of individuals who have been shown as responsible for an outcome by means of charge or summons on offences recorded under Home Office classification 'trafficking in controlled drugs as a class A drug offence'.

** Class A drugs include Cocaine and Heroin

*** Class B drugs include Amphetamine and Cannabis

**** Class C drugs include Anabolic Steroids