



## Access to Public Information Request

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### Access to Public Information request regarding cannabis prescriptions and licences

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#### Request:

If you're able to help, or pass on this request to someone with access to the information, I simply require the following data points:-

- Number of foreign prescriptions against which importation licences have been requested;
- Number of licences granted, broken down by month;
- Number of licences rejected, broken down by month; and
- Outstanding licence requests as at the point the data is compiled.

#### Response provided by Health & Social Care:

1. Number of foreign prescriptions against which importation licences have been requested?

☑ In 2020, a total of 530 import licences for medicinal cannabis were issued from Oct 1 to Dec 31st.

☑ In 2021, a total of 1705 import licences for medicinal cannabis were issued from Jan 1st - July 8th.

2. Number of licences granted, broken down by month?

The growth trajectory has been steep, but the average number of import licences processed per month is 250, with the high being reached at over 300 in each of May and June, and 350 in July/August. If we report by month, it skews the data, since there is a lag time while requests make their way through the system and queries are answered.

3. Number of licences rejected, broken down by month?

Very few licences are rejected, because we work with patients and UK clinics when anomalies arise, this can be missed data or information or discrepancy for prescription amounts or dosage timing. So, many licences and scripts are queried, but usually resolved.

4. Outstanding licence requests as at the point the data is compiled.

As of June 30, 2021, the service had approximately 90 files awaiting final review and imminent signature, most of which are queried with UK clinics or pharmacies (this can be a time consuming aspect of the work); and another 120 files had been initiated but not yet in receipt of full information from either patient or clinic.

There is a continual education and reminder process required for new patients who may not know the process and we have shared information on our website prescribed medicinal cannabis products - States of Guernsey ([gov.gg](http://gov.gg)) and to UK clinics to enable clear communication about what is needed to complete a shipment.