



States of
Guernsey

Freedom of Information Request

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Medicinal Cannabis

Request:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Code.

1. Since the first licenses for commercial cultivation of medicinal cannabis were issued in Guernsey in 2020, please provide a month-by-month breakdown of the number of licenses issued and the amount of money received by the government for these licenses.
2. How many businesses applied for these licenses since they were introduced and what percentage have been successful?
3. How many people have been prescribed medicinal cannabis in the last five years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 to date)?

Response provided by The Committee *for* Health & Social Care:

1. The first medicinal cannabis (CBPM) licence was issued in 2021 ([Press Release](#)). No further licences have yet been issued. Licence fees are available at www.gov.gg/cannabislicensing.
2. Four businesses have applied to cultivate medicinal cannabis, one has been successful. Three further applications were received in Q4 2022 and are under review by the Bailiwick of Guernsey Cannabis Agency.
3. Prescribed Medicinal Cannabis

There are a small number of licensed medicinal cannabis products available and listed on the White List ([Medicines funded by the States of Guernsey - States of Guernsey \(gov.gg\)](#))

according to NICE guidance. There have been fewer than five patients who have accessed these treatments since their implementation.

Figures below are for licenses/prescriptions for unlicensed medicines.

- a. 2018 – numbers too low to state
- b. 2019 – numbers too low to state
- c. 2020 – 136 licences
- d. 2021 – 4275 licences
- e. 2022 – 1734 licences
- f. 2022 – 1973 prescriptions (July and August) *

The above licence numbers refer to the number of import licences authorised by Health & Social Care.

As one person may have received more than one import licence or prescription over the course of a year, this number does not equate to the number of individuals in receipt of a prescription for medicinal cannabis.

* On-Island clinics have started to submit information at the request of Health & Social Care.