



Response Date:22/09/2026

2026/967 - Crimes committed at pharmacies

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. The number of recorded crimes committed at pharmacies, for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 17 September 2026.**
- 2. For each of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 17 September 2026, a breakdown of those crimes by offence type (e.g. theft/shoplifting, burglary, robbery, criminal damage, arson, possession of weapons, sexual offences, vehicle offences, assault, public order offences).**
- 3. For each of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 17 September 2026, the number of those crimes classified as violent crime.**

Offence Category Description	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Assault with injury	0	0	0	1	1
Assault Without Injury	4	1	3	2	2
Attempted Burglary – Business and community	0	1	0	1	0
Burglary – Business and community	2	1	2	0	1
Criminal Damage To A Building Other Than A Dwelling	2	3	1	1	0
Forgery Etc. Of Drug Prescription	1	2	1	0	0

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Harassment	3	0	0	0	0
Malicious communications	1	1	0	0	0
Other Criminal Damage	0	0	0	2	0
Other Forgery Etc.	3	0	0	3	1
Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	0	1	0	0	0
Other Offences (Against The State And Public Order)	3	1	0	1	1
Other Theft	1	2	1	0	0
Possession of Article with Blade or Point	0	0	0	1	0
Possession Of Controlled Drugs (Cannabis)	0	1	0	0	0
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	10	4	5	6	2
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Harassment	0	0	1	0	0
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	0	0	0	1	0
Sexual Assault On A Female Aged 13 And Over	0	0	0	0	1
Shoplifting	90	127	96	106	81
Theft By An Employee	0	0	1	0	0
Theft From A Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0
Threat Or Possession With Intent To Commit Criminal Damage	2	0	0	0	1
Threats to Kill	1	0	0	0	0
Trafficking In Controlled Drugs	0	0	1	1	0
	0	0	0	0	1
Total	124	145	112	126	92

Notifiable Offences +
Occurrence MO Location
Subtype "Pharmacy"

HO Offence Group 1	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
01. VAP	9	2	4	3	3
02. Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0	1
05. Burglary - Business and Community	2	2	2	1	1
06. Theft	91	129	98	106	81
08. Theft from Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0
10. Arson & Criminal Damage	2	3	1	3	0
11. Drug Offences	0	1	1	1	0
12. Possession of Weapons	0	0	0	1	0
13. Public Order Offences	13	5	5	8	4
14. Misc Crimes Against Society	6	3	1	3	2
Total	124	145	112	126	92

4. For each of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 17 September 2026, the number of crimes at pharmacies specifically involving theft of, or attempted theft of, controlled drugs or damage to controlled drugs storage (e.g. CD cabinets).

Theft/Burglary/Robbery Offences (excluding shoplifting) - checks needed to determine if offences involved theft from controlled drugs cabinets			
Calendar Year	Offence HO Group1	Offence Category Desc	Summary
2023	06. Theft	Other Theft	Inft is a Pharmacist and is reporting a male has picked up dummy pack of Codine gone to desk and had a real packet handed to him and card then declined male them ran off value £11:29

2024	06. Theft	Theft By An Employee	Caller reports between 4/11/22 and 4/12/23 approx £3,000 worth of controlled drugs have been stolen from the pharmacy. The caller believes a member of staff is responsible.
2026	05. Burglary - Business and Community	Burglary – Business and community	Door at the rear of the premises has been damaged and premises entered activating the alarm. Untidy search.

5. For each of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 17 September 2026, a breakdown of weapons or objects used in crimes committed at pharmacies.

Weapons Used Stats Class (excluding no weapons used)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
;Bladed implement (possession);	0	0	0	1	0
;Non bladed implement;	1	0	0	0	0
;Unknown;	2	3	5	13	6

6. For each of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 17 September 2026, the outcome of crimes committed at pharmacies, broken down by: no suspect identified, no further action, caution given, charged, other outcome.

Outcome	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	0	2	0	0	1
01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	23	27	38	50	27
02. Youth Caution / Conditional Caution	0	5	0	0	0
03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	1	0	0	1	0
08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	1	5	5	8	6
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	3	0	0	0	0
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	1	5	1	2	0
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	0	0	1	0

15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	10	6	20	15	11
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	14	7	1	0	4
17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	1	0	0	0	0
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	67	85	47	46	28
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	0	1	0	0	0
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	2	0	0	0	0
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken and there is no public interest to continue	0	2	0	0	0
24: Adult deferred prosecution	0	0	0	0	1
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	0	0	0	3	14
Total	124	145	112	126	92

Definitions used in this request:

- * **"Pharmacy" means community/retail pharmacies only (please exclude hospital pharmacies).**
- * **"Crime" means recorded crime under Home Office Crime Recording Rules, not calls for service or incidents that were not recorded as crimes.**
- * **"Violent crime" means offences your force classifies under Violence Against the Person.**

Note on searching: If premises type (e.g. "pharmacy") is not a distinct searchable field in your crime recording system, please state this and explain the method used to identify relevant records (e.g. free-text/address search on terms such as "pharmacy", "chemist", named pharmacy chains).

Address searches I'd like checked would be "pharmacy", "pharmacies", "chemist", "chemists" if the premises type of "pharmacy" is not a distinct searchable field in your systems.

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