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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/822

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th October 2021 concerning incidences of 'drink spiking'. My apologies for the delayed response.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted the Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please may you provide me with the aggregated number of 'drink spiking' incidents recorded by your force between 2015 and September 2021, broken down by year, as well as the number of convictions for drink spiking in the same period.

Please search for this data using the following Home Office crime codes:

- 005/10 (Administering poison so as to endanger life)
- 008/02 10 (Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy)
- 005/24 (Use of noxious substances of things to cause harm and intimidate)
- 088/05 10 (Administering a substance with intent)
- 005/05 10 (Administering drug with intent to commit indictable offence)
- 24/1/2 (sex-administer drug to facilitate intercourse)

Please also do a keyword search of MO codes, using the terms, 'spiking', 'drink-spike', 'drink spiked', 'spiked drink', while checking to make sure that they don't refer to some other context (e.g. 'a spiked fence' or 'spiked hair').

Our response:

As requested, a search has been carried out for drink spiking offences on the Home Office codes provided above and as well as a separate wildcard search on the keywords provided. Please note, that the wildcard search has brought back incidences that include mentions of spiking but they relate to other Home Office codes not mentioned above – however, more detail has been provided about these in the table below. Both of these separate searches that have been carried out have

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been put together and any duplicates and any references to spiking that is out of context has been removed.

In relation to the number of convictions there have been for drink spiking, we do not hold conviction data, therefore, I would advise you approach the Crown Prosecution Service for this information.

Please note the following in relation to the data provided in the table below:

- This data includes crime and non-crime incidences from January 2015 – September 2021.
- The data has been collected using a wildcard summary search and a search on the HO codes provided in the request.
- Data is live and correct as at 13/10/21.
- There are no charged cases.

Reported Year	HO Code	Offence Description	Crime SubGroup	Detection Status
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2015	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2015	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2016	88/5	Administering a substance with intent (S61, SOA 2003)	Other Sexual Offences	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2016	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
2016	49/10	Theft other	Other Theft	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2016	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2016	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2016	-	-	-	N100/3 incident - offence committed in and transferred to other force
2016	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2016	141/1	Drunk and disorderly in a public place	Public Order Offences	6: Penalty notice for disorder
2016	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	Cancelled/transferred
2016	8/6	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	Violence With Injury	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified

2016	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	Cancelled/transferred
2016	5/1	Wounding with intent to do GBH Section 18	Violence With Injury	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
2017	8/6	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	Violence With Injury	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2017	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2017	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED
2017	105/1	Common assault (S39) and assault without injury (Class 105A)	Violence Without Injury	Cancelled/transferred
2017	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2017	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2017	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2017	88/5	Administering a substance with intent (S61, SOA 2003)	Other Sexual Offences	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2017	-	-	-	Crime related incident
2017	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2017	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2017	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2018	-	-	-	N100/1 incident - victim (3rd party) not confirmed offence or traced
2018	19/10	Rape of a Male aged 16 or over (Sec 1 - SOA 2003)	Rape	16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified
2018	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2018	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2018	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2018	19/10	Rape of a Male aged 16 or over (Sec 1 - SOA 2003)	Rape	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2018	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2018	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2018	88/5	Administering a substance with intent (S61, SOA 2003)	Other Sexual Offences	Cancelled/transferred
2018	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime

2018	8/6	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	Violence With Injury	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2018	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2019	125/12	Harassment, alarm or distress (S5 POA)	Public Order Offences	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2019	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2019	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	Cancelled/transferred
2019	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2019	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2019	-	-	-	Crime related incident
2019	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
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2019	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2020	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2020	-	-	-	N100/1 incident - victim (3rd party) not confirmed offence or traced
2020	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2020	-	-	-	Crime related incident
2020	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2020	39/0	Theft from the person	Theft From The Person	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2020	20/5	Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over (S3, SOA 2003)	Other Sexual Offences	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties
2020	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified
2021	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2021	20/5	Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over (S3, SOA 2003)	Other Sexual Offences	New
2021	8/6	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (Section 47)	Violence With Injury	Cancelled/transferred

2021	39/0	Theft from the person	Theft From The Person	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2021	19/8	Rape of a Female aged 16 or over (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	New
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2021	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2021	19/7	Rape of a Female aged under 16 (Sec 1 SOA 2003)	Rape	New
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
2021	-	-	-	NZ other incident non crime
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2021	8/2	Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	Violence With Injury	New

As you may be aware, wildcard searches are not a reliable way of obtaining information accurately. This is because the system used searches for particular words within the summary of the incident and no further. Therefore, please do bear in mind that there may have been other occurrences involving an allegation of drink spiking, that might not have been mentioned within the summary of the occurrence but within the crime report itself, and as a result this unfortunately would not have been picked up on from the wildcard search requested.

Similarly to the above, another thing to bear in mind is that in relation to the Home Office codes you requested we search on, there is no specific offence that is directly related to drink spiking alone that can be easily searched on. For example, the offence 'Administering a substance with intent (S61, SOA 2003)' would be presumably the most likely offence you would think drink spiking would fall under, however, dependent on the incident reported, an allegation of drink spiking may fall under a different offence. Therefore, despite you requesting for us to carry out a comprehensive search on specific Home Office codes as well as a wildcard search, there could still be other occurrences relating to allegations of drink spiking that have not been picked up by our search and therefore, not included in the table above. Also, please note, that an initial report of alleged drink spiking or concern for possible drink spiking may later upon investigation be found not to be the case, however, as requested we have provided data for the initial concern/allegation of drink spiking. The only way we would be able to ascertain the total number of reports of drink spiking there have been accurately, would be to carry out a manual perusal of all reports for the time frame requested.

Therefore, please do bear all of these things in mind when looking at the information provided above.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Moore
Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should

contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

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