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Our ref: FOI 2022/ 302

Reply contact name is: Jack Tenniswood

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th April concerning drink and needle spiking in 2021.

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 having consulted our business intelligence team, I am happy to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

1) How many incidents of drink-spiking were recorded by your force in 2021?

Please search for this data by means of keyword searches of MO codes, using the terms 'spike', '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').

2) Please tell me separately how many cases of so-called 'injection/needle spiking' were recorded in 2021. That is, reported incidents in which a perpetrator spiked someone by means of an injection, instead of using a pill.

Please search for this data using keyword searches of MO codes, focusing on the terms 'injection' and 'needle', while checking to make sure they do not refer to needles/injections in an unrelated context.

3a) Can you please provide a summary of the first five incidents of drink-spiking in 2021, giving the content of the free-text fields/MO codes in full, while redacting any identifying information?

3b) Can you please provide a summary of the first five incidents of injection/needle-spiking in 2021, giving the content of the free-text fields/MO codes in full, while redacting any identifying information?



Response

Q1: 72 (Using requested word search).

Q2: 8 (Using requested word search).

Q3a:

Unknown suspect has raped the IP after he has offered to walk her back to her hotel room after a gathering. The IP believes her drink could have been spiked.

RP states that his daughter, the IP, came home and disclosed that she may have been spiked and has been sexually assaulted. The IP went out for a few drinks with some friends, during which an unknown male has asked to have sex with her and has touched her breasts and vagina over her clothing. This occurred after the IP was kicked out from the pub she was at and went to a nearby kebab van.

U/k suspect has stolen the IP's wallet whilst he has been out in local public houses drinknig. Suspect is also alledged to spike the IP's drink.

Unknown male has been at the location and spiked the IP's drink. The male has then gone to the park with the IP where it is believed the IP and the male have had sex which the IP cannot remember consenting to or was in a position to consent to.

Unknown suspect has spiked the IP's drink.

Q3b:

NEEDLE STICK: IP has been spiked via injection into her arm in the nightclub.

IP has had urine and blood tests done.

This has left a bruise on her arm, until results are back this has been recorded as an ABH.

Unknown suspect/s have punctured the IP on the forearm with a needle causing a bruise. The IP has acted sctrangely after the incident.

NEEDLE STICK - Male suspect has shaken hands with the IP, and whilst doing so pressed something sharp agaisnt him which made the IP feel immediately unwell. The IP feels that this was deliberate. A small needlestick injury has been left.

NEEDLE STICK U/k suspect has injected the IP with an unknown substance which has resulted in her ending up in hospital.

NEEDLE STICK: Unknown suspect has appeared to have jokingly punched the IP to the arm. Shortly after, the IP experienced a reaction of what appeared to be a drinks spike and pain to his arm - though there was no injury left.

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,

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.pnn.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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>