

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via email



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Date 02/05/2023

Our ref **FOI 2023/371**

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/03/2023 concerning spiking via drinks and needles.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business intelligence team at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1) How many incidents of drink-spiking were recorded by your force in the calendar year 2022? Please search for this data by means of keyword searches of MO codes/Investigation Summary Fields, 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 2022. That is, reported incidents in which a perpetrator allegedly spiked someone by means of an injection, instead of using a pill.

Please search for this data using keyword searches of MO codes/Investigation Summary Fields, 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 2022,

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giving the content of the free-text fields/MO codes/Investigation Summary Fields in full, while redacting any identifying information?

3b) Can you please provide a summary of the first five incidents of injection/needle-spiking in 2022, giving the content of the free-text fields/MO codes/Investigation Summary Fields in full, while redacting any identifying information?

Response

Questions 1 and 2:

Flag	Crime	Niche Incident	Grand Total
Drink Spike		21	32
Needle Spike Injection		7	6
Grand Total		28	38

(Please note that the data includes crime and non-crime incidents)

Question 3a:

Reported Month Year	Occ Summary	Flag	Occ Type
Jan-2022	Known male has sent the RP's (associate) a message saying that he spiked the RP over new years eve.	Drink Spike	Niche Incident
Jan-2022	Possible historic spiking.	Drink Spike	Niche Incident
Jan-2022	Known male suspect has been in the pub having a drink with the RP. She believes she has then been spiked and become very unwell.	Drink Spike	Crime
Jan-2022	Unknown suspect during the course of the evening have possibly spiked the RPs drink, causing her to become very sick and black out and not remember anything.	Drink Spike	Niche Incident
Jan-2022	Highly intox male - MALE HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY AMB. THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO SUGGEST AT THIS TIME THERE IS A SPIKING INCIDENT.	Drink Spike	Niche Incident

Question 3b:

Reported Month Year	Occ Summary	Flag	Occ Type
Jan-2022	IP states she was at the nightclub when an unknown person bumped into her and she felt a prick in her leg. IP attended hospital - staff confirmed an injection mark. Suspected spiking.	Needle Spike Injection	Niche Incident
Jan-2022	3rd party report from a nurse that male has presented himself after possible spiking incident at the address after feeling sharp pain in his upper arm. Confirmed puncture wound. No details of the IP.	Needle Spike Injection	Niche Incident
Jan-2022	NEEDLE STICK The RP states that she believes she has been spiked while out on New Years Eve. RP has punc. mark on her left arm just below her bicep.	Needle Spike Injection	Crime
Feb-2022	NEEDLE STICK The IP has been on the dance floor with the suspect. The IP has left the dance floor and has said to her associate she had been injected. IP has gone outside and collapsed with pain in her leg.	Needle Spike Injection	Crime
Feb-2022	NEEDLE STICK: Unknown suspect has spiked the IP via needle stick	Needle Spike Injection	Crime

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.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

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