

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 13th April 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-321

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23rd March 2026, concerning spiking.

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 department at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

1) Total cases

Please state the total number of offences that were reported to the police as alleged spiking (including needling) for the following calendar years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

[Note - by spiking we refer to administering a substance without consent as it has been commonly understood under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 and as it will now be considered under the Crime and Policing Bill 2025.]

- Please provide the breakdown of the suspects and victims by gender
- Please provide the breakdown of victim ages according to these age groups: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-50, over 50
- Please provide the breakdown of spiking method (ie. substance added to beverage, needle/injection, food spiking etc)
- Please provide the breakdown of the type of venue of the alleged drink spiking (ie. pub, bar, restaurant, private residence, university accommodation etc)
- Please provide the breakdown of the local authority where the incidents occurred

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2) Outcome

For the following calendar years – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 – please provide this information:

- Total number of reported alleged drink spiking offences that were investigated by the police
- Total number of offences that were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service
- Total number of offences that were prosecuted
- Please provide the breakdown of the outcome of prosecuted cases

3) Most recent year

For the calendar year 2025, please provide this information:

- The average time between the alleged drink spiking incident and when the incident was reported to the police
- Please state the name of any institutions where there have been more than five reported alleged drink spiking offences, as well as the total number of alleged drink spiking offences at these venues.
- Please state the number of incidents of fraud reported where victims believe they were spiked beforehand

Our response:

Please note: The reported dates are 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2025 and are for crimes under the following offence descriptions - Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy; Administering a substance with intent; Administering a substance with intent (S61, SOA 2003).

1) Total cases

Reported Year	No of Crimes
2017	1
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	13
2023	22
2024	16
2025	28
Grand Total	80

Reported Year / Suspect Gender	F	M	Grand Total
2022	1	3	4
2023	1	12	13
2024	2	4	6

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2025	3	9	12
Grand Total	7	28	35

Reported Year / Aggrieved Gender	F	M	Grand Total
2017	1		1
2022	10	3	13
2023	18	4	22
2024	10	6	16
2025	17	11	28
Grand Total	56	24	80

Reported Year / Aggrieved Age Group	Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-50	Over 50	Unknown	Grand Total
2017		1					1
2022		4	4	2	2	1	13
2023		7	4	9	2		22
2024	3	1	4	6	2		16
2025	3	9	6	5	5		28
Grand Total	6	22	18	22	11	1	80

Reported Year / Spiking Method	Drink	Food	Food / drink	Inhalation	Needle	Unknown	Grand Total
2017	1						1
2022	11				1	1	13
2023	16		1		2	3	22
2024	15					1	16
2025	19	1		1	4	3	28
Grand Total	62	1	1	1	7	8	80

Reported Year / Spiking Venue	Bar	Club	Football club	Hotel	Nightclub	Private	Pub	Public park	Unknown	Grand Total
2017	1									1
2022	2	1		1	4	2	2	1		13
2023	2				4	9	7			22
2024	1		2	2		7	4			16
2025	3				5	16	2		2	28
Grand Total	9	1	2	3	13	34	15	1	2	80

We do not have a breakdown of Local Authorities for each incident.

2) Outcome

Reported Year / Detection Status	14: Victim declines / unable to support action to identify offender	15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	16: Victim declines / withdraws support - named suspect identified	18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	20: Other body / agency has investigation primacy	Grand Total
2017					1		1
2022	1		2	1	9		13
2023			6	2	14		22
2024		1	2	1	11	1	16
2025	2		7	3	16		28
Grand Total	3	1	17	7	51	1	80

3) Most recent year

We do not record the average time between the incident and reporting.

- Note - There is not a requirement for a Public Authority to create data to furnish a request for information, where this data is not already held.

There are no venues where there have been more than 5 reported alleged spiking offences.

- Note - The venue recorded as the occurrence address may not be where the incident took place. The Aggrieved may not be able to state exactly where the incident took place.

We do not record incidents of fraud resulting from spiking.

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,

FDU 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 Fol 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 to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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