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Date: 6th April 2023
Our ref: GSA 1730/23

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1730/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/03/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

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, 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?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats

1. The crime grand total is all the crimes counted based on the individual crime reference HO Codes within the 'HO Codes' tab for the period 01/01/2022-31/12/2022.
2. Each reference returned on the above search has had the Crime Description & MO looked at to establish if this is a 'spiking' incident & if so which of the 2 types being considered.
3. In doing the above search this allows incidents involving individuals being forced to take drugs, drug overdoses, other poisoning cases are removed.

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

Results

Question 1 – Total 471

Question 2 – Total 70

Question 3a

Victim found by officers. Stated believes to have been spiked.
Offender spiked APs drink with unknown substance by unknown means.
Drink Spiked
Offender spikes victim's drink, administering a substance. Victim becomes unwell. Victim's bank card is stolen.
Offender approached AP. Offender spiked AP's drink unseen before making off.

Question 3b

Victim has been spiked on thigh by injection
Offender has approached AP administering a noxious substance by injection into AP back - AP has been spiked with a needle injection.
AP notices bruising and a needle mark on thigh.
Offender(s) has injected the victim with an unknown substance causing a puncture wound.
Offender has injected unknown substance into AP forearm - AP's friends has also been Injected

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