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Date: 19th April 2023
Our ref: GSA 1883/23

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1883/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/04/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could I receive any data in a spreadsheet in a csv format.

I would like to request the following information on how many reports of spiking have been made to this force from 01/04/2022 to 01/04/2023. I am defining spiking according to the Police.Uk definition, which is "when someone puts alcohol or drugs into another person's drink or body without their consent or knowledge." I am also including 'needle spiking' in this definition.

Could I have the data broken down by:

The date on which the report was made

The date on which the spiking was alleged to have occurred The type of location in which the spiking was alleged to have occurred (e.g. a nightclub; a residential home) The outcome of the report (e.g. the perpetrator was convicted; the case was dropped etc)

If my request falls under Section 12 exemption, please can you help me refine it, as in line with Section 16.

Could I please receive the information in 21 working days and can I also have confirmation when my request has been received. If there are any issues with my query please contact me as soon as possible so I can resolve them for you.

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 however I am not obliged to provide all the information requested as exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

The date on which the report was made and the date on which the spiking is alleged to have occurred has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Caveats:

To complete this request, a search of the Home Office Crime Code 088/05 (Administering a Substance with Intent) recorded between 01/04/2022 and 31/03/2023 inclusive has been conducted.

- Where the location type is 'Not Specified' this means that this field was either unknown by the recording officer or not recorded.
- Where the outcome is 'Unknown', this means that this field has not been completed by the investigating officer.
- 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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Total number of reports – 77

Outcomes	Total
Charge (1A)	1
Decision Pending (98)	5
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	21
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	32
Refer To PNC (15D)	1
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence (Police) (15B)	10
Suspect Identified - Victim Does Not Support (16)	3
Unknown	4

Location Type	Total
Bar/Pub	13
Hotel	1
Night Club	25
Not Specified	33
Party	4
Shopping Centre	1