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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011082/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the time period covering 01/09/21 to 20/07/23, please provide:

- *The number of reports received by the force in relation to spiking via injection.*
- *The number of arrests made by the force in relation to spiking via injection.*
- *The number of subsequent charges made in relation to spiking via injection.*
- *The number of subsequent convictions in relation to spiking via injection.*

Please provide the above information in an Excel spreadsheet format, presented as a month-by-month breakdown.

“Spiking via injection” is defined as any incident in which someone is injected with drugs without their consent—also referred to as “needle spiking”.

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

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.

The “crime total” is all the crimes counted based on the following crime reference Home Office Codes for the period 01/09/2021-20/07/2023.

Class	Sub Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code
Violence Against The Person	Violence with injury	5E Endangering Life	Administering poison so as to endanger life	005/10
Violence Against The Person	Violence with injury	5E Endangering Life	Use of noxious substances or things to cause harm and intimidate	005/24
Violence Against The Person	Violence with injury	8N Assault with injury	Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy	008/02
Sexual Offences	Other sexual offences	88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences	Administering a substance with intent	088/05

The data returned was then searched for on the keywords 'needle' & 'inject' in the MO Description.

The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Some of the period covered was during the 'covid lockdowns' when nightclubs were closed.

Please note that Greater Manchester Police do not hold conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for this information.

RESPONSE

	Crime Total	Arrests	Charges
Sep-21	0	-	-
Oct-21	21	-	-
Nov-21	38	2	-
Dec-21	18	1	-
Jan-22	10	-	-
Feb-22	10	1	-
Mar-22	4	-	-
Apr-22	5	1	-
May-22	4	-	-
Jun-22	6	-	-
Jul-22	5	1	-

Aug-22	5	-	-
Sep-22	6	-	-
Oct-22	8	1	-
Nov-22	5	1	1
Dec-22	2	1	-
Jan-23	0	-	-
Feb-23	2	-	-
Mar-23	6	-	-
Apr-23	2	-	-
May-23	1	-	-
Jun-23	3	-	-
Jul-23	4	-	-

Total	165	9	1
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