



Our ref: **01/FOI/23/007828/L**

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Monday, 24 July 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/007828/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

1- The number of recorded crimes mentioning under HO codes 088/05, 008/02, and 005/10 which include the words spike/d, lace/d in the MO with a combination of any of the following words; vape/s, e-cigarette/s, e-cig/s, elf bar/s, lost mary/s , crystal pro legend/s, inhale, breathe, from the following years; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (up to and including most recent date available).

2- The full MO notes of recorded crimes of vape/e-cigarette spiking or case notes, for the cases that are in 2023, with personal identifying information redacted. Please could you also provide the case outcomes.

3 - The number of recorded crimes under HO codes 088/05, 008/02, and 005/10 which include the words spike/d, lace/d in the MO from the following years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (up to and including most recent date available).

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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.

- Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated

- Please note the keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

Question 1

- This data contains the below Home office Codes with a recorded date between 01/01/2018 and 30/06/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
 - 088/05 (Administering a Substance with Intent)
 - 008/02 (Administering Poison with Intent to Injure or Annoy)
 - 005/10 (Administering Poison so as to Endanger Life)
- The data has then been filtered on the 'Crime MO Description' field to only show results which include the words 'Spike', 'Spiked', 'Lace', and 'Laced' in combination with any of the words 'Vape', 'E-Cig', 'E Cig', 'Elf Bar', 'Lost Mary', 'Crystal Pro Legend', 'Inhale', and 'Breathe'.

Question 3

- This data contains the below Home office Codes with a recorded date between 01/01/2018 and 30/06/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
 - 088/05 (Administering a Substance with Intent)
 - 008/02 (Administering Poison with Intent to Injure or Annoy)
 - 005/10 (Administering Poison so as to Endanger Life)
- The data has then been filtered on the 'Crime MO Description' field to only show results which include the words 'Spike', 'Spiked', 'Lace', and 'Laced'

Response

Question 1 - This information is held by GMP but I am not obliged to provide all of it as an 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.

Due to the low volume of results, *annual breakdown* has not been provided as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual concerned, and as such the exemption in **Section 40(2) – Personal information** applies to that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for that particular piece of information.

I have provided the total number between 01/01/2018 and 30/06/2023 instead.

Total number for Question 1 is 3

Question 2 – No information held. There is no record found for 2023 of those searches on Question 1

Question 3

Year	Total
2018	45
2019	31
2020	15
2021	231
2022	314
2023	105