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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012274/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to make an open government request for all of the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

Can you please provide details of reports of "Spiking" of drinks in your police area for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Can you break this down by location, type of venue, bar/nightclub, by sex of complainant and by date - week or month.

Can you please let me know if any of this request exceeds the cost limit for an Fol and if so how I could amend the request so not to exceed that limit as soon as possible.

To be clear I am referring to the offence of spiking to referred to in this Government factsheet.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide all of the requested information to you 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. We are unable to provide a monthly breakdown of spiking crimes separated by the sex of the victim and the type of location as this information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that identifies a living individual. To disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

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

We are, however, able to provide the number of crimes recorded separated by sex of the victim broken down by year. We can also separately provide the number of crimes recorded at location types. This information is subject to the following caveats:

The crime grand total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Codes listed below for the period 01/01/2021-31/12/2023.

Class	Sub Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code	
Violence Against Person	The	Violence with injury	5E Endangering Life	Administering poison so as to endanger life	005/10
Violence Against Person	The	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 year relates to when the crime was recorded and not necessarily when the crime was committed.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

The keywords 'drink' and 'spiking' were then searched on in the returned data.

	Volume 'Spiking'	of Drink	Female Victim	Male Victim	Unknown/ Missing
2021	255		171	45	39
2022	328		205	86	37
2023	216		150	51	15
Total	799		526	182	91

Airport	1
Arena	1
Bar	134
Football Ground	1
Hospital	6
Hotel	27
Nightclub	44
Park	3
Private Address	34
Public House	59
Restaurant/ Bar	12
School	1
University	7
Unknown	469
Grand Total	799

District	Number of spiking crimes
City of Manchester – Central	407
City of Manchester – North	29
City of Manchester – South	54
Salford	33
Tameside	24
Manchester Airport	1
Stockport	33
Bolton	56
Wigan	45
Trafford	25
Bury	28
Rochdale	31
Oldham	32
Unknown Location	1