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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014091/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding reports of drink spiking. Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2022 until this request is processed.

Please could you provide the following:

1. For each report concerning drink spiking, please could you provide the following:

a) The date the drink spiking report was filed

b) The age of the person who filed the drink spiking report (if you are unable to provide the exact age, please could you provide me with age groups. For example: 18-24, 25-49, 50-64, 65+)

c) Gender of the victim who filed the report

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 supply all the information 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.

Question 1a is 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 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

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

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 grand total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Codes listed for the period 01/01/2022-31/01/2025 that contain the keywords 'drink' and 'spiking'.

Full HO Code
005/10
008/02
088/05

- The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the crime was committed
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.
- The data has been broken down into calendar years. Please note for 2025 the time frame considered is 01/01/2025 to 31/01/2025 only.

Due to some low results, ages have been merged into age categories and some ages have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1b.

Victim Age	2022	2023	2024	2025
11-20	86	55	59	7
21-30	101	60	59	X
31-40	50	37	35	X
41-50	25	28	25	X
51-60	18	4	21	X
61+	18	14	17	X

Question 1c.

	Male	Female	Unknown
2022	80	183	35
2023	47	136	15
2024	77	125	14
2025	6	16	X