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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015010/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following:

The number of reported needle spiking incidents received by your force from 1 January 2020 to the date of this request.

If possible, please provide a yearly breakdown for:

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025 to date

This request is for the number of reports received by the force in relation to spiking via injection. "Spiking via injection" is defined as any incident in which someone is injected with drugs without their consent-also referred to as "needle spiking".

I am only requesting basic figures and not case details, to keep this request simple.

Please provide the information in any readily available format Many thanks for your time.

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.

Data has been provided by calendar year with the exception of 2025 which is 01/01/2025 to 30/06/2025.

The following HO Codes were included within the search: -

- 005/10 - Administering poison so as to endanger life
- 008/02 - Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy
- 088/05 - Administering a substance with intent

The keywords 'needle' & 'injection' were then searched on and any duplicates removed prior to data collation.

Year	Crime Volume
2020	1
2021	45
2022	44
2023	37
2024	36
2025	10
Grand Total	173