

Date: 28th October 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/015698/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q1 - Please provide a monthly breakdown on the number of victims who reported having their drink spiked from the period 1st of January 2020 to 19th of October 2025.

Q2 - Please provide a monthly breakdown on the victims' ages, gender, location, and nationality who reported having their drink spiked from the period above.

Q3 - Please provide a monthly breakdown of what drug or substance was found in a spiked drink from the period above.

Q4 - Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of perpetrators who were arrested, fined, charged, or had no further action taken in relation to drink spiking in the period above

Q5 - Please provide a monthly breakdown of the ages, gender, location, and nationality of the perpetrators from the period stated above.

And I ask that anything within the spirit of the request be included in the response.

I also request the following information be presented in a document that can be copy and pasted from, and can allow for keywords to be searched in the document.

Please report information such as dates and ages in the format that Police collect it.

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, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To determine what drugs or substances were found would require a manual review of all crimes returned. From the initial search 1,140 crimes would require a manual review. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 95 hours to provide a response to question 3 alone.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced, for example, removal of question 3. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@amp.police.uk

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

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.

Q1 - Please provide a monthly breakdown on the number of victims who reported having their drink spiked from the period 1st of January 2020 to 19th of October 2025.

Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	4	5	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	3	2	2	24
2021	0	1	2	1	11	12	7	18	30	53	47	30	212
2022	33	34	21	23	27	13	24	12	17	20	9	14	247
2023	17	8	3	16	10	6	10	18	14	19	22	20	163
2024	15	17	16	17	29	15	17	23	22	21	29	38	259
2025	30	31	20	26	25	18	20	27	20	18	N/A	N/A	235
Total	99	96	65	83	102	64	80	101	103	134	109	104	1140

Q2 - Please provide a monthly breakdown on the victims' ages, gender, location, and nationality who reported having their drink spiked from the period above.

Due to low numbers returned per month, the data has been merged into years and split as by providing all this information split by month and breakdown 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 merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Age Bracket	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0-17	4	5	12	14	13	9
18-21	10	96	77	38	67	78
22-25	4	44	39	16	26	22
26-30	1	20	32	25	29	24
31-35	1	8	24	14	30	33
36-40	0	9	16	18	16	12
41-45	0	4	10	12	20	13
46-50	2	8	9	7	15	13
51-55	1	2	6	2	13	12
56-60	0	5	8	1	13	5
60+	1	11	14	16	17	14
Total	24	212	247	163	259	235

Year	Male	Female	Unknown
2020	8	15	1
2021	33	141	38
2022	79	133	35
2023	38	113	12
2024	83	162	14
2025	75	145	15

District	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CoM North	0	4	6	5	14	16
CoM Central	13	127	126	69	106	98
CoM South	0	18	13	13	10	10
Salford	2	5	11	5	15	20
Tameside	2	2	5	4	18	9
Stockport	0	2	16	11	13	8
Bolton	0	15	20	10	22	20
Wigan	1	9	12	12	18	11
Trafford	1	7	7	12	12	10
Bury	3	11	10	11	18	11
Rochdale	0	8	9	4	7	7
Oldham	2	4	12	7	6	15

Nationality	Total
England	111
United Kingdom	289
Lithuania	1
Northern Ireland	2
Poland	4
Wales	2
Netherlands	1

Iran	2
Pakistan	1
Eire	1
Portugal	1
Spain	1
United States	1
Scotland	2
Greece	1
China	2
Unknown	717

Q4 - Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of perpetrators who were arrested, fined, charged, or had no further action taken in relation to drink spiking in the period above

Q5 - Please provide a monthly breakdown of the ages, gender, location, and nationality of the perpetrators from the period stated above.

Year	Total Offenders
2020	3
2021	12
2022	25
2023	28
2024	41
2025	48

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Age Bracket	Total
0 – 17	4
18 – 21	20
22 – 25	11
26 – 30	26
31 – 35	20
36 – 40	21
41 – 45	15
46 – 50	11
51 – 55	7
56 – 60	8
60 +	14

Gender	Total
Male	113
Female	42
Unknown	2

District	Total
CoM North	4
CoM Central	28
CoM South	11

Salford	18
Tameside	11
Stockport	9
Bolton	18
Wigan	20
Trafford	7
Bury	11
Rochdale	11
Oldham	9

Nationality	Total
United Kingdom	63
England	35
Sudan	1
Bangladesh	3
India	3
Iran	3
Iraq	2
Afghanistan	1
Congo	2
Russia	1
Guinea	1
Zimbabwe	1
Australia	1
Unknown	40