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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016394/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am making a formal Freedom of Information request for the following data in the specified parameters:

- A. Data about the number of spiking incidents since 2016, with each year of data in its own separate column.***
- B. Please indicate which area the case was from within your remit.***
- C. Please indicate where possible if a case became active.***
- D. Please indicate if a prosecution occurred.***
- E. Please indicate the type of spiking offence e.g. needle spiking, drink spiking, food spiking etc.***
- F. Please indicate why data was missing if it cannot be found.***

Where the term "spiking" is used it refers to any crime whereby substances are administered illegally without the victim's knowledge as described in the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Sexual Offences Act 2003 and the upcoming Crime and Policing Bill.

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.
Caveats.

1. The crime grand total is all the crimes recorded with the codes detailed on the 'HO Codes' tab for the period 01/01/2016 to 17/02/2026 inclusive. The data is displayed by calendar year as requested.
2. To establish the 'spiking' category the following keywords were searched on 'Drink'; 'Needle'; 'Injection'; 'Drugs'; and 'Food' - any other crimes are under the 'Unknown' category.
3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
4. The data is based on the Crime Recorded date and not when the incident occurred.
5. A Positive Outcome Includes Charge, Charged Alternative Offence, Cautions & Conditional Cautions.
6. 'Missing Value' or 'Unknown' means that this field hasn't been populated on our operating systems.

Due to some low yearly results, some data has been provided as a total figure from 2016-2026 and some data has been replaced with X as by providing all this information split by individual year 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.

Part's A and B

Spiking Incidents	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
A1 - CoM North	2	1	18	14	7	21	23	20	33	48	4
A2 - CoM Central	25	37	61	41	21	266	281	200	255	231	17
A3 - CoM South	2	5	7	1	4	30	39	24	30	24	8
AA - CoM Historic				1							
FF - Salford	3	8	14	12	12	20	34	22	37	44	9
GG - Tameside	1	7	5	7	7	11	23	17	35	23	5
II - Manchester Airport								1		1	
JJ - Stockport	4	7	8	6		6	32	23	31	38	3
KK - Bolton	6	8	15	10	2	31	39	34	54	46	7
LL - Wigan	3	3	4	4	6	26	33	32	52	35	6
MM - Trafford		8	10	9	1	20	14	25	29	17	1
NN - Bury	2	4	4	3	10	23	25	25	32	28	6
PP - Rochdale	2	1	3	4	5	24	18	24	15	22	3
QQ - Oldham	3	6	2	2	6	13	19	22	21	45	6
Unknown		1		1		1	1			1	

Part C.

Following a report of spiking, an investigation and/or charges came about on the below number of reports.

Total	3340
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Part D.

Positive Outcomes	Grand Total
A1 - CoM North	7
A2 - CoM Central	3
FF - Salford	4
GG - Tameside	5
JJ - Stockport	3
KK - Bolton	1
LL - Wigan	2
NN - Bury	4
PP - Rochdale	2
Grand Total	31

Part E.

Spiking' Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Drink	39	68	101	52	24	208	240	156	253	273	26
Needle	X	-	X	X	X	40	21	23	26	23	X
Drugs	-	X	5	6	-	-	6	9	21	22	X
Food	X	X	5	-	X	10	5	8	11	11	-
Unknown	11	25	39	56	54	234	309	273	313	274	45

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