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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016101/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can I have the following information,

How many reports of spiking was there in 2025 in Greater Manchester?

In particular, how many reports of drink spiking compared to needle spiking?

How do these figures compare to previous years from 2018?

I am doing a story on the effects of spiking and how do we know if a drink has been spiked, and how does it affect the victims afterwards.

If you could provide this information, that would be great.

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

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 data provided for this request is based on a search of the HO crime codes 005/10 008/02 088/05 recorded between 01/01/2018 to 30/12/2025 inclusive. The data has been displayed by calendar year.

- A keyword search was then completed on the following words 'needle' and 'drink'.
- Duplicates have been removed where possible.
- Please note the date is based on the 'Crime Recorded' date and not when the Incident occurred.
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

Year	Total Spiking Incidents	Drink	% of Total	Needle	% of Total
2025	654	353	54.0%	26	4.0%
2024	693	345	49.8%	27	3.9%
2023	540	279	51.7%	26	4.8%
2022	675	352	52.1%	29	4.3%
2021	554	281	50.7%	31	5.6%
2020	97	37	38.1%	0	0.0%
2019	124	60	48.4%	1	0.8%
2018	160	105	65.6%	0	0.0%
Total	3497	1812	51.8%	140	4.0%