Information Management & Data Directorate (IMDD)
Information Access Unit

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017728/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025, broken down by calendar year.

1. The total number of spiking incidents reported to your force. Please include both recorded crimes and non-crime incidents, and show these separately if possible.

2. Of these, the number administered via vape or e-cigarette.

3. Of these, the number where the substance involved was recorded or confirmed (for example, by toxicology), broken down by: prescription or over-the-counter medicines, other drugs, and substances not recorded or unknown.

4. The number of the incidents in question 1 that resulted in a charge or summons.

For this request, "spiking" means any incident recorded using your force's spiking flag, marker or qualifier, or recorded under an offence of administering a substance without consent.

If complying with the full request would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise questions 1 and 2, and advise me under section 16 how the request could be narrowed. I'd be grateful to receive the data in a spreadsheet format (Excel or CSV) if possible.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. 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.

1. The above data is run from a Recorded Crimes and Outcomes Report for period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2025 (Displayed by Year)- using H/O Codes 005/10, 008/02 & 088/05
2. Key word search using "Vape" & E- Cigarette in Crime Description & MO was carried out,
3. A manual review of 'Crime Description & MO' was completed in order to remove any crimes that did include a spiking using Vape or E-Cigarette.
4. Duplicates are removed where possible.
5. it is not possible to show non-crime incidents as there are no specific opening/closing codes for non-crime incidents, therefore no information is held.

Question 1, 2 and 4

Year	Total Recorded	Charge	Summons	Restorative Justice	Adult Caution	Vape/E-Cigarette
2021	526	2	2	0	0	1
2022	646	2	0	1	0	0
2023	514	9	0	0	1	9
2024	644	3	0	0	0	15
2025	612	8	0	0	0	15
Total	**2942**	**24**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**40**

Question 3

Confirmed results for the type of spiking are unavailable in our data, it is only speculating in the crime MO.