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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017733/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information from your force on spiking incidents.

Please provide me with the following information:

1. ***The number of spiking-related offences recorded by your force in the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. For 2026, please provide me with data up to September (1 January 2026 to 1 September 2026), or if data is not held up to 1 September, the most recent available data. Please break this data down by year and, if possible, by month.***
2. ***For each year, please also provide me a summary of the outcome of each offence (e.g., in 2026, 100 offences led to a charge, 200 led to a caution, etc.).***
3. ***If this falls within the time/cost limit, please provide me with information on the nature of spiking incidents in each year, offering a description of what was spiked (for example, in 2026, 100 offences involved vape spiking; 60 involved spiking of prescription medication; 200 involved spiking of drinks; etc. I appreciate the descriptive categories held by your force may be different - these are simply illustrative examples. But if the offences can be categorised in any way to clarify what item was spiked, that'd be great).***

For your reference, the Met Police appears to collate data in this way: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqzez9p7wd0ro

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

1. The above data is all recorded crimes between 1st January to 31st December for each year specified, excluding 2026, which is 1st January to 30th August (included), where the HO code is either 005/10, 008/02 or 088/05.
2. Please note the data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.
3. Duplicates have been removed where possible.
4. The data for Table 2 has been obtained by conducting a key word search in the crime MO for the following words: Drink: 'Drink', Needle: 'Needle', 'Puncture', 'Injection', 'Injected' & 'Prick', Vape: 'Vape' & 'E-Cig', Prescription Medicine: 'Prescription', 'Prescribed', 'Medicine' & 'Tablet', Food: 'Food', 'Eat' & 'Eaten'.
5. Please note there were too many crimes to manually review the MO to ensure they only related to the method of the key word searched. For example, searching the word 'drink' may bring back a crime where they mentioned they had a few drinks, but then later felt a prick in their arm, so would actually relate to needle spiking. Or listed the word vape, but they said they went out for a vape and believe this is when their drink was spiked. To eliminate these where possible, I have done a further keyword search in the MO's of all the crimes that contain the words listed below and removed them from any categories they don't apply. Please note there could still be a few crimes contained in each category where the method of spiking is different than the category it is contained in, however the remainder would not be possible to identify without a complete manual trawl of all the crime MO's, which would exceed the time limit of this FOI. This way you can be provided with the data we hold, taking into account this element for comparison purposes.
6. Please note that the total crimes split by 'Method of Spiking' do not add up to the totals per year, this is because some may detail both food.& drink spiking for example, others may be unknown and so are not included in the categories at all. This is just a breakdown of method where specified.
7. The data is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Question 1.

Year & Month Breakdown	Recorded Crimes
2021	**526**
Jan	7
Feb	20
Mar	10
Apr	11
May	17
Jun	24
Jul	16
Aug	29
Sep	39
Oct	121
Nov	148
Dec	84
2022	**646**
Jan	67
Feb	63
Mar	44

Apr	51
May	59
Jun	44
Jul	51
Aug	46
Sep	44
Oct	70
Nov	62
Dec	45
2023	**514**
Jan	48
Feb	25
Mar	35
Apr	47
May	31
Jun	28
Jul	38
Aug	47
Sep	46
Oct	56
Nov	51
Dec	62
2024	**644**
Jan	38
Feb	57
Mar	50
Apr	45
May	64
Jun	41
Jul	37
Aug	45
Sep	68
Oct	68
Nov	56
Dec	75
2025	**612**
Jan	53
Feb	47
Mar	52
Apr	49
May	51
Jun	48
Jul	56

Aug	56
Sep	40
Oct	59
Nov	55
Dec	46
2026	**367**
Jan	44
Feb	46
Mar	49
Apr	45
May	45
Jun	43
Jul	52
Aug	43
Grand Total	**3309**

Question 2.

Outcomes	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Informal Police Action) (8C)						1	**1**
Adult Conditional Caution (3B)			1				**1**
Charge (1A)	1	1	8	3	7		**20**
Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	1	1	1		1		**4**
Decision Pending (98)		1			3	11	**15**
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest. (22)				1			**1**
Eliminated (99A)	3	4			1		**8**
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	118	156	89	87	113	48	**611**
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	320	393	330	426	357	231	**2057**
Locate Trace (15E)						2	**2**
Missing Value					1	16	**17**
Named Suspect Too Ill (12)				1		1	**2**
Named Susp-Vict Dead/Too Ill (13)				1			**1**
Not In Public Interest (Cps) (9)	1						**1**
Offender Has Died (5)	1				1		**2**
Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	1		1				**2**
Refer To Pnc (15D)						1	**1**
Restorative Justice 1 (8A)		1					**1**
Summons (1B)	2						**2**
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)	7	1	3	3	3		**17**

Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	48	64	52	78	75	39	**356**
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)		1		1			**2**
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	23	23	29	43	50	17	**185**
Grand Total	**526**	**646**	**514**	**644**	**612**	**367**	**3309**

Question 3.
Please see Caveat 5

Year	Drink	Needle	Vape	Prescription Medicene/via Tablets	Food
2021	267	59	1	4	21
2022	332	68	0	2	30
2023	263	44	9	3	35
2024	314	56	15	5	66
2025	327	43	17	6	52
2026	178	23	13	5	40
Grand Total	**1,681**	**293**	**55**	**25**	**244**