GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017750/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm researching crimes related to spiking and, under the Freedom of Information Act, would be grateful if you could provide the disclosure requested. I understand that the offences listed are those most likely to be associated with acts of spiking, but please advise if there are others I may be unaware of and amend the list accordingly, if at all possible.

Please note I am not seeking identifiable personal information and am happy for any necessary data to be anonymised. I would also be grateful if you could consider, where keyword searches are mentioned, that I am asking for a count of records including the terms listed and not a manual review of each record. I understand the kind of caveats that apply to keyword searches and any analysis of disclosure would take into account the limitations of a keyword search in this context.

If you feel this request breaches the cost and time limits as it stands, please advise me as to how best to refine my questions to achieve the disclosure I hope to receive.

I'd be grateful if you could provide the force's response in an xlsx file.

I'd like to know:

1. Broken down for each financial year and offence between and including April 1 2022 and September 2026, please provide the following for the offences (a) 'Endangering life or causing harm by administering poison'; (b) 'Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy'; (c) 'Administering substance with intent to stupefy or overpower to engage in sexual activity'; (d) 'Administering a substance with intent to commit a sexual offence':

a. The total number of incidents recorded
b. The total number of crimes recorded, broken down by gender and age band of victim (where

recorded) and recorded offence location (where the location is held in a structured field)
c. If your system permits keyword searching of MO or summary fields, please provide the following, or advise if such searches cannot be conducted without manual review: the number of crimes with the words 'spiked', 'spike' or 'spiking' in the MO summary
d. The number of crimes where the MO summary contains 'needle', 'vape', 'drink', 'drug' or 'drugged', broken down by each key word
e. The number of crime outcomes recorded, broken down by outcome, gender and age band of suspect (where recorded)

2. If it is possible within the cost and time limits of the FOI Act, please also provide an anonymised summary of the most recent two recorded crimes for each of the offence categories listed in previous questions

Clarification
Yes, I'm fine with counts of crime types, as suggested.

"The below are the only offences I could find relating to the ones the requestor mentions:

Home Office Code	***Offence***
008/02	*Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy*
088/05	*Administering a substance with intent*
005/10	*Administering poison so as to endanger life*

These are crime types rather than incidents, so we would be able to provide the counts of crimes recorded under these offence types for the time period specified."

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between **01 April 2022 and 30 September 2026** where the crime description or crime MO description contains **'spike' or 'spiking'** and the **HO code is '008/02', '088/05' or '005/10'**, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can

be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB. Please note:
    - The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
    - The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.
- Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
    - The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
    - The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
    - Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
    - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.
- Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.
- There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

Data

1.

	Total	Needle	Vape	Drink	Drug
2022/23	365	16	0	194	15
2023/24	416	20	5	239	41
2024/25	521	19	11	308	59
2025/26	500	20	9	283	53
2026/27 (til Sep 26)	214	9	7	117	27

Victim Gender	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Female	251	252	314	312	121

Male	84	140	167	158	84
Missing Value	29	20	31	20	8
Unknown	1	4	9	10	1

Victim Age	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Under 16	3	6	16	11	5
16-24	183	164	202	227	76
25-34	89	111	118	101	56
35-44	41	66	80	79	42
45-54	28	29	39	40	17
55-64	7	12	28	24	6
65 and over	5	4	3	1	3
Missing Value	9	24	35	17	9

Suspect Gender	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Female	9	7	14	23	11
Male	24	33	47	57	11
Missing Value	190	341	419	391	183
Unknown	0	0	0	2	0

Suspect Age	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Under 16	0	1	6	6	0
16-24	8	11	8	21	1
25-34	8	10	17	19	5
35-44	9	8	12	20	9
45-54	0	6	9	10	6
55-64	5	5	4	4	1
65 and over	2	0	1	0	0
Missing Value	191	340	423	393	183

Outcome	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Charged/Summonsed	0	0	2		0
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	94	60	88	87	33
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	21	26	39	54	15

Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	13	16	20	29	5
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	235	314	372	324	139
Missing Value	2	0	0	6	22

Location data is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

2.

Whilst the ap XXX was spiked by unknown offender causing XXX to vomit, suffer memory loss and unable to move XXX limbs.
Unknown offender spikes an unknown alcoholic drink and gives it to ap who is unaware it has been spiked with unknown substance, shortly after ap then starts to feel unwell

Where redaction occurs (shown by XXX) this relates to **Section 40(2) Personal Information**, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.