Information Management & Data Directorate (IMDD)
Information Access Unit

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017764/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the number of reported incidents of spiking within your jurisdiction.

Please provide the following data for the last three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 to date), broken down by each individual financial year:

1. The total number of reported incidents of spiking. Please include both "drink spiking" and "needle/injection spiking"
2. A breakdown of the total figures by the method of spiking reported (i.e., how many were reported as drink spiking, and how many were reported as needle/injection spiking)
3. A breakdown of the total figures by the gender and age group of the alleged victims
4. A breakdown of the total figures by the type of location where the incident was alleged to have occurred (e.g., nightclub, pub/bar, house party, residential home, outdoor space)
5. A breakdown of the recorded outcomes for these reports (e.g., charge/summons, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified, case dropped).

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:

1. Grand Total is based on all Recorded Crimes with the HO Codes 005/10, 008/02 and 088/05 for the period 01/04/2023 to 30/09/2026. Data is displayed by financial year.
2. The date is based on when the Crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.
3. The victim age is based on the age at the time the offence took place.

4. Where possible duplicate records have been removed.
5. Keyword searches were as follows - Drink = contains 'Drink' and Needle/ Injection = contains 'Needle' or contains 'Inject'.

Question 1 and 2

Year	Grand Total	"Spiking"	Drink	Needle/ Injection	Not Specified
2023/24	519	371	172	22	177
2024/25	633	505	301	25	179
2025/26	587	474	267	23	184
2026/27 F YTD	260	211	115	11	85
Grand Total	**1999**	**1561**	**855**	**81**	**625**

Question 3

Year	Female	Male	Not Known/Not Recorded
2023/24	131	52	33
2024/25	197	101	28
2025/26	193	83	13
2026/27	76	43	18

Age Bracket	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
10 – 15	1	12	2	4
16 – 20	51	190	99	26
21 – 25	28	86	56	24
26 – 30	33	67	28	14
31 – 35	14	54	31	12
36 – 40	24	51	14	12
41 – 45	13	40	18	12
46 – 50	11	21	15	3
51 – 55	4	32	8	7
56 – 60	3	16	8	2
61 – 70	3	12	3	1
70 +	0	20	0	0
Not Recorded	9	44	7	7

Question 4

Due to the low numbers returned for some of the outcomes and location types returned per year, the information has been merged together as by providing all this information split by financial 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 merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

Location Type	Total
Nightclub/ Pub/ Bar/ Restaurant	356
Hotel	16
Residential Premises	108
Outdoor space/ Street Location	40
Student Premises	2
Other Public Places - Concert Halls, Festivals, Football Stadiums	27

Hospitals	4
Public Transport/ Depots/ Stops	2
Not Known/ Not Recorded	380

Question 5

Outcome	Total
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified	162
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified	670
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS	2
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police	55
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support	26
Charge	1
Missing Value	15
Decision Pending	3
Locate Trace	1