

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
**Our ref:** FOI/26/017518/U

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017518/U**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or, in Scotland, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002), I am requesting information relating to reports of drink spiking made to your force.*

*Please provide the following information for each calendar year 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, and separately for 2026 year-to-date (up to the most recent date for which data are available):*

- 1. The total number of reports/allegations of drink spiking recorded by your force in each year.*
- 2. Of those reports, the number where the recorded age of the alleged victim was between 18 and 21 inclusive(i.e. aged 18, 19, 20 or 21), broken down by year and the gender of those victims.*
- 3. Of the reports involving victims aged 18–21, the number that resulted in a crime being recorded, broken down by year.*
- 4. For all drink-spiking reports, the number that resulted in a crime being recorded, broken down by year.*
- 5. For 2026 year-to-date, please provide the equivalent figures for the period from 1 January 2026 to the latest date for which data are available.*

*For clarity, by “drink spiking” I mean reports/allegations that a substance was deliberately added to a person's drink without their knowledge or consent. Please include cases recorded under any relevant crime, incident, intelligence or other recording system where your force has identified the allegation as drink spiking.*

*If your systems distinguish between drink spiking and other forms of spiking (for example, needle spiking, food spiking or spiking via another route), please provide the drink-spiking figures separately and do not include these other forms unless they were specifically recorded as involving a drink.*

*If the information is held in a form that distinguishes between an allegation/report and a formally recorded crime, please provide both figures where possible.*

**Please provide the information in a table, using the following columns where the data are available:**

***If any of the requested information is not held in exactly this format, please provide the closest equivalent information that is already held, rather than treating the request as requiring the creation of new data.***

***If responding to the full request would exceed the applicable cost limit, please contact me with advice on how the request could be narrowed so that the information can be provided.***

**Please also state:**

- ***the date on which the relevant data were extracted;***
- ***the recording system(s) searched;***
- ***any relevant crime codes, incident codes or search criteria used to identify drink-spiking reports; and***
- ***any limitations or changes in recording practices during 2020–2026 that may affect comparisons between years.***

***I would prefer to receive the information electronically, ideally in Excel or CSV format, where available.***

### **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 all recorded crimes with the HO Codes 005/10, 008/02 and 088/05 AND where the word 'drink' is contained in the Crime MO, from January 1st to December 31st for each year specified. This is excluding the year 2026 which is YTD (January 1st - September 7th).

2. Table 1 shows the total number of recorded crimes in each specified year. Table 2 shows of the grand total displayed for each year in Table 1, how many of those crimes involved a victim that was aged either, 18, 19, 20 or 21 (at the time the crime was committed), it then breaks down those victims into their recorded gender.

3. Duplicates have been removed where possible.

4. Please note the data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.

5. Please note we cannot provide the number of report/allegations, only recorded crimes.

**Table 1 – Number of Crimes Recorded**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 2020        | 27                 |
| 2021        | 211                |
| 2022        | 256                |
| 2023        | 167                |
| 2024        | 257                |
| 2025        | 278                |
| 2026 (YTD)  | 157                |

**Table 2 – Recorded Crimes where Victim aged 18 – 21 broken down by gender**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Total Crimes<br/>where Victim<br/>aged 18-21</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Unknown</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2020        | 9                                                   | 2           | 7             | 0              |
| 2021        | 94                                                  | 12          | 69            | 13             |
| 2022        | 76                                                  | 16          | 49            | 11             |
| 2023        | 37                                                  | 3           | 32            | 2              |
| 2024        | 66                                                  | 11          | 54            | 1              |
| 2025        | 97                                                  | 27          | 69            | 1              |
| 2026 (YTD)  | 39                                                  | 9           | 29            | 1              |