

Thank you for your response to Freedom of Information request 71A/22 and the information already provided about drink spiking. I would like to follow up with a few queries about the information, if it is possible.

As you mention that the data requested under points 2 and 3 has only been recorded by West Midlands Police since September, is it possible to provide data for the three points only with reference to November 2021 and December 2021? It would be very helpful to be able to see the number of reports with testing practises for exactly the same time period.

**Points 2 and 3 from original request:**

**2. The number of urine or blood samples collected for testing from suspected victims of drink spiking between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021 (or the most recent 12-month reporting period).**

**3. The number of these collected samples that were tested and the number that were discarded without testing.**

**Data for November and December 2021 - Monthly breakdown**

Month	Total
November 2021	165
December 2021	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>

Multi Drug Rapid Tests	Total
Negative	85
Not Stated	40
Taken – no update	42
Not Taken	28
Declined	23
IP didn't drink contaminated drink	3
Positive - THC / Cocaine / Cannabis/ Buprenorphine	13
Awaiting details from hospital	1
Inconclusive	1
No details provided	1
No mention of tests	1
Opiates	1
Positive – various drugs	12
Unable – various reasons	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>

We have attached total figures for November and December and also Multi Test Results data. Unfortunately, when our data is completed weekly it is not always possible to re-visit previous offences to ascertain if drug tests have been returned, hence the large total of taken – no update.

Secondly, you refer to some of the samples being initially screened/tested and some sent for forensic analysis. Could you confirm what is meant by screening/testing in this context i.e. does it refer to instant drug tests such as the immunoassay or to general classification or storing of the sample?

**The screening test we use is an immunoassay type test, which screens for a range of common spiking and recreational drugs.**