

**REQUEST**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding spiking figures. I would like the information given by year with individual figures, please.

**1.The total number of complaints reported to the authority of people's drinks being drugged, spiked or laced in the last five years (2018-2022).**

We do not have a central recording category that identifies drugged, spiked or laced drinks Each log would need to be located and retrieved and manually read to see if the summary contained / mentioned drinks.

\*Drink spiking is not a recordable offence, however due to recent events and as a result of a current force operation we have been able to retrieve relevant information using a bespoke search criteria.

Year	Total
2018	58
2019	86
2020	82
2021	504
2022	181
Grand Total	911

**2.The action taken against reports to the authority of people's drinks being drugged, spiked or laced in the last five years (2018-2022).**

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Awaiting Outcome	0	2	0	92	46	140
Charge Or Summons	2	1	0	0	0	3
Charge/Summons With Alternative Offence	1	0	0	0	0	1
Charge Or Summons	0	0	0	3	1	4
Sufficient Evidence To Charge, But Police Decided Not In The Public Interest To Prosecute	0	0	1	0	0	1
Prosecution Prevented - Named Suspect Identified But Is Too Ill (Physical Or Mental Health) To Prosecute	1	0	0	0	0	1
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	14	7	7	48	16	92
Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties	5	7	5	28	9	54

Prevent Further Action						
Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	7	9	18	59	15	108
Investigation Complete: No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible - Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	28	57	51	269	94	499
Postal Charge With Alternative Offence	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Agency Takes Primacy	0	1	0	2	0	3
Caution - Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Community Resolution	0	0	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	58	85	82	504	181	910

1 Outcome in 2019 – was not recorded.

### 3. The action taken against reports to the authority of people being spiked by other means including needle spiking in the last five years (2018-2022).

Outcomes in relation to Injection's is only available from 2021 as a result of the recent operation and using a bespoke search criteria.

Year	2021	2022	Grand Total
Awaiting Outcome	25	5	30
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	4	1	5
Named Suspect Identified: Victim Supports Police Action But Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action	4	1	5
Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties Prevent Further Action: Victim Does Not Support (Or Has Withdrawn Support From) Police Action	2	1	3
Investigation Complete: No Suspect Identified. Crime Investigated As Far As Reasonably Possible - Case Closed Pending Further Investigative Opportunities Becoming Available	38	12	50
Grand Total	73	20	93

### 4. How many of the total complaints of spiking were officially labelled as spiking by the authority in the last five years (2018-2022).

We do not have a central recording category that identifies drugged, spiked or laced drinks. Each log would need to be located and retrieved and manually read to see if the summary contained / mentioned drinks.

The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

**5. How many of the total complaints of spiking resulted in convictions in the last five years (2018-2022).**

We are unable to provide conviction data, this information is held by the courts and routinely fed back into our systems. Therefore, each crime record would need to be located and cross referenced with our PNC database to see if this resulted in a conviction, information we are able to provide is in relation to Outcome and detailed within the answer to Question 2.