



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2023-01781

**Keyword:** Crime/Incident Statistics Drugs and Alcohol

**Subject:** Drink Spiking

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following:

#### Request 1

How many women and men have reported that they have had their drinks spiked or have been spiked by needle injection between January 1st, 2021, to 30th November 2022?

#### Answer

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Jan - Nov 2022</b>
Male	25	40
Female	95	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>139</b>

#### Request 2

Please can you specify the ages of these men and women who have reported that they have had their drinks spiked or have been spiked by needle injection between the dates listed above.

#### Answer

<b>Age Band</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Jan - Nov 2022</b>
Under 18	10	13
18-64	109	125
65+	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>139</b>

### Request 3

Can you please specify the location for where these spiking's have been reported?

### Answer

Location	2021	Jan - Nov
		2022
Dwelling	21	24
Hospitality	86	93
Leisure/Public Place	8	11
Missing	5	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>139</b>

### Request 4

How many men and women have reported the following crime - Administering a substance with intent to commit a sexual offence since January 1st, 2021, to 30th November 2022?

### Request 5

Please can you specify the age of these men and women who have reported this specific crime.

### Answer 4 & 5

Please see accompanying Excel file.

All 8 victims of the '88c Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences – Administering A Substance with Sexual Intent' offences were in the 18-24 age band.

**\*Please note:\*** The provided tables above contains information based on recorded offences of '5E Endangering Life – Administering poison to endanger life', '8N Assault with Injury – Administering poison with intent to injury or annoy' and '88C Other Miscellaneous Sexual Offences – Administering A Substance with Sexual Intent', during the period of January 2021 – November 2022. These provide a breakdown of gender, age band and location. None of the identified offences have been manually examined and therefore the circumstances of each offence may not match that of a 'spiking'.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.police.uk).

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