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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 993/24 Spiking via injection

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 5th November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to request the following information on how many reports of spiking have been made to this force from 05/11/2022 to 05/11/2024. I am defining spiking according to the Police.Uk definition, which is “when someone puts alcohol or drugs into another person’s drink or body without their consent or knowledge.” I am also including ‘needle spiking’ in this definition.

- 1. The total number of reports made to Cumbria Police related to spiking via injection from 05/11/2022 to the present day 05/11/2024.*
- 2. Can I please have a breakdown of these reports by year?*
- 3. The number of investigations initiated as a result of these reports.*
- 4. The number of individuals charged based on these reports.*
- 5. The number of convictions resulting from these reports.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary’s Crime Recording System. A search for the offence codes 005/10, 008/02, 005/24, 088/05, 005/05, 008/10 has been completed. In addition to this, a keyword search using the terms ‘spiked’ and ‘spiking’ was used to identify any other crimes where these words featured. The results were then filtered for any records where ‘needle’, ‘syringe’ or ‘inject’ was used in the crime notes.

Question 1- *The total number of reports made to Cumbria Police related to spiking via injection from 05/11/2022 to the present day 05/11/2024.*

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Question 2- *Can I please have a breakdown of these reports by year?*

Year	Count
2022	1



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2023	12
2024	13
Grand Total	26

Question 3- *The number of investigations initiated as a result of these reports.*

All 26 reports were investigated.

Question 4- *The number of individuals charged based on these reports.*

No individuals were charged in relation to these offences.

Question 5- *The number of convictions resulting from these reports.*

Cumbria Constabulary do not hold information in relation to convictions, this would be held by the Crown Prosecution service. However, as no charges have been made in relation to these offences the answer to this would be nil.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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