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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 44/25 – Spiking of Vapes

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 9th January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Confirmed or suspected spiking incidents involving vapes or similar over the last 5 years (2020, 21, 22, 23, 24 – i.e. attended / charged / investigated incidents)

I would like this information broken down by the following, where available:

- Age
- Gender
- Whether the incident occurred at a place of education, for example school or college
- Whether the victim required any treatment at hospital
- Date of the incident
- The drugs involved i.e. spice, nitazenes

Background:

I don't know how these offences may be recorded in your system, but the range of crimes listed could include:

- Administering drug with intent to commit indictable offence
- Administering poison so as to endanger life
- Use of noxious substances or things to cause harm and intimidate
- Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy
- Administering a substance with intent

Please where possible cross reference these offences with records that directly mention spiking and vapes.

On receipt of your request, searches were undertaken on the Constabulary's crime recording database for spiking of vapes offences using keywords 'spik' and 'vap' to identify all cases of spiking and spiked, etc and vape and vaping, etc, relevant to your request for the date parameters 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2024.

No reports were found to fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I have determined that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested.



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Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the keyword(s) were recorded in a different field to that which has been searched, or if another name or term was used to describe spiking of vapes, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken. For this reason, although provided in good faith, the information may not be wholly accurate.

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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