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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1383/25 Drink Spiking

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

Please could you provide the relevant information for the period between 1 January 2025 until 1 October 2025.

For each report concerning drink spiking, please could you provide the following:

- 1. A monthly breakdown of the numbers of drink spiking reports filed.*
- 2. The age group of the person who filed the drink spiking report, categorised as follows: 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+.*
- 3. The gender of the person who filed the report.*

Please could I have the response in an Excel spreadsheet. In regards to 1), 2), and 3), I would like it in this format:

Column A: Months (January, February, March, etc...)

Column B: Number of males per month

Column C: Number of females per month

Column D: Age group 11-20

Column E: Age group 21-30

Column F: Age group 31-40

Column G: Age group 41-50

Column H: Age group 51-60

Column I: Age group 60+

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 has been extracted from Cumbria Constabulary's crime recording system. A keywords search has been conducted using the terms 'spiked' and 'spiking'.

The results that were returned has then been checked for relevancy. For example, where a crime has just said "victim believes they have been spiked" these have not been included, as it does not state that it was via a drink. However, where it was stated, the victim had been drinking and felt unwell these have been included it as it has mentioned drinking.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used,



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any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

A monthly breakdown of the numbers of drink spiking reports filed.

Month	Male	Female	Unknown	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	60+
Jan	1	3	1	1	2		2		0
Feb	1	1			1	1			0
Mar	4	3		3	1	2		1	0
Apr	2	3	1			3	2	1	0
May									0
Jun									0
Jul	2	1			1	1	1		0
Aug		4		1		2		1	0
Sep		2				1	1		0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

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

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

