

Title: Drink Spiking Reports

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:

- 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: The Trust systems do not have a standardised dataset for 'drinks spiked' or 'have been spiked by needle injection', to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources and records. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

There are no specific toxicology tests that the Trust Emergency Department routinely run when a patient says they have been spiked.

- 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: Please see response to question 1.

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

Answer: Please see response to question 1.

- 4. Out of these men and women who reported they were spiked; do you have any evidence of this, i.e., toxicology reports to show that they were spiked. If you do, please can you provide the evidence to show this.*

Answer: Please see response to question 1.