

29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20211749**

**REQUEST**

**The number of incidents of drink spiking reported across South Yorkshire so far in 2021, in the calendar year of 2020, the calendar year of 2019, and the calendar year of 2018.**

**Please break these figures down into the number of incidents reported each month.**

**The number of charges for drink spiking in South Yorkshire so far in 2021, in the calendar year of 2020, the calendar year of 2019 and the calendar year of 2018.**

**Please break these figures down into the number of charges each month.**

**Clarification**

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past. In particular, we would draw your attention to the following entries: -

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/drink-spiking-ref-20210827/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/drink-spiking-ref-20200901/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/drink-spiking-ref-20192087/>

It would be helpful if you could review the above entries, which may be useful to your request. If you can then provide us with a refined request, if necessary, to help us to identify and locate any outstanding data you may still require, and not included in the above links.

**Reply to Clarification**

**Thanks for this request for clarification. Unfortunately none of the previous requests listed prompted enough information for me. I would like more recent crime data - up to as recent as you can provide me please - and also the stats on how many of these crimes led to charges if possible.**

**Further Clarification**

You have stated that none of the previous requests prompted enough information for me, and you are requesting more crim data. Can you please advise what information/crime data you are specifically looking for.

The previous request 2021827 below provided offences and outcomes with the MO3 description 'drink interfered with – spiked' up until April 2021. Due to the low numbers, a monthly breakdown would trigger S40.

I could provide the same kind of data at this request from May up to August 2021.

Please advise how you wish for me to proceed.

## **Reply**

**Yes if you can provide the same data in this request but for May until August 2021 please that'd be great.**

## **RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Unit for assistance with your request. They conducted a search of the Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

They were able to provide me with data from which the attached spreadsheet has been compiled, they have provided 2 different lots of data to assist. Please see their below explanation of each data sets.

Please find the data for FOI 20211749 attached – the same queries were used as last time, but with the Incident Created Date amended for May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. As with previous:

I have attached record level data that includes searches of the below keywords filtered in the Initial MO field on CONNECT Crime for all offences between Incident Created Date 01-MAY-2021 and 31-AUG-2021. Please note that the same offence may appear in some or all of the keyword searches.

- Spiked – 26 offences
- Laced – 249 offences
- Spiking – 0 offences

In order to establish if the keyword is relevant to the request, each record will require reviewing.

I have reviewed the data and I have put the Offences that are relevant to your request on the Spiked Tab of the attached spreadsheet

Please note:

- This data is extracted from the MO Field in the system which is a free text box
- Spike(d) - From the data supplied by the administrator I have manually checked and removed the Offences that did not fit the criteria of your request ie drug spiking.
- Laced – None fit the criteria – I have again checked the MO free text and these contained the letters 'laced', but were part of words such as 'placed', 'misplaced', or were not drink related, ie meat laced.

I have provided an additional dataset which is looking at the specific MO Desc 3 = "Drink Interfered With – Spiked".

Please note that the use of this MO Desc 3 is non mandatory and may not include all offences recorded where "spiking" is involved.

I have broken this dataset down by Full Offence Title, BCU Desc, Year of Incident and Outcome of Offence.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OFFENCES RECORDED IN THE RECORD LEVEL DATA MAY ALSO BE RECORDED IN THE DATASET LOOKING SPECIFICALLY AT THE MO DESC 3 = "Drink Interfered With – Spiked" AND VICE VERSA.