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**Date:** 26.02.2026

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information your organisation may hold regarding incidents of spiking:

1. The number of recorded incidents of suspected spiking cases from October 2021 – September 2025, broken down by month where possible.
2. Where available, provide a breakdown of the information, such as grouped data or percentages:

Type of spiking methods – needling, drink spiking, food spiking, vape spiking and any other means

Gender – Male, Female, Non-binary, Not disclosed, Other

Age group of individuals at the time of alleged spiking –

below 18

18 to 24

25 to 34

35 to 44

45 and above

Setting/location type where spiking took place (bar, nightclub, private residence, university accommodation, others)

**- Not known, there is no coding for spiking or suspected spiking so we are unable to run a report for this information.**

Copies of or link to any guidance, protocols, or policies your organisation has for responding to suspected spiking incidents.

**- There are no guidelines which mention spiking.**

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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