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Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 001170/20

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies on the 20th March 2020 in which you sought access to the following information:

How many incidents of drink-spiking were recorded by your force in 2019?

Please search for this data by means of keyword searches of MO codes, using the terms 'spike', 'spiking', 'drink-spike', 'drink spiked', 'spiked drink', while checking to make sure that they don't refer to some other context (e.g. 'a spiked fence' or 'spiked hair').

Finally, can you please attach the first five MO codes from January 2019 for drink spiking-related offences? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal information.

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 20th March 2020

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have considered your request and our response is below:

There is no specific offence category for drink spiking, therefore we have undertaken a freetext search against crimes that include the following words: spike, spiking, drink spike and spiked drink. Each has been manually reviewed to ensure they relate specifically to a person's drink being spiked.

The below table provides the number of relevant crimes, broken down by force, for 2019. Please be aware that freetext searches are, by their very nature, unreliable. Consequently, there may be additional relevant crimes not included in the figures below because they did not include the specific terms searched.

NORFOLK	10
SUFFOLK	12

The first 5 MOs for each Constabulary are:

NORFOLK
During hours of darkness in a nightclub victim reports that a drink bought for her by a group of unknown males was spiked
Victim woke in the morning with an unknown male having sex with her whilst she was asleep. Believes her drink was spiked as she cannot remember much about the evening.

Female I/P was befriended by an adult male who spiked her drinks and then raped her
In the hours of darkness a male has left his drink unattended in a nightclub and believes it has been spiked
In the hours of darkness the female victim believes her alcoholic drink has been spiked by an unknown suspect this occurred in a busy public bar

SUFFOLK
During night out at nightclub victim has collapsed having drunk glass of water believed to be spiked with noxious substance
Female victim has been out, then attended local hospital following day due to level of sickness resulting in victim believing that her drink had been spiked
During the hours of darkness in unknown location had drinks spiked with unknown substance causing him to collapse in street
Victim believes her drink was spiked by the suspect whom she woke in bed with
In pub, male has bought female a drink which she has consumed and has then become adversely affected leading her to believe her drink has been spiked