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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Spiking incidents

You asked:

- 1) Please could you provide me with the number of A&E admissions relating to so-called "injection-spiking" in 2021, by month? Of these, how many patients had tests taken for toxicology and what were the outcomes? If possible, please can you break this down into types of test (e.g. blood/urine/hair), length of time since incident ("within 12hrs", "within 24hrs" and "within 72hrs"), demographic of patient and type of drug found (if any).*
- 2) Please could you provide me with the number of A&E admissions relating to so-called "drink-spiking" between Jan 2015 - Dec 2021? Of these, how many patients had tests taken for toxicology and what were the outcomes? If possible, please can you break this down into types of test (e.g. blood/urine/hair), length of time since incident ("within 12hrs", "within 24hrs" and "within 72hrs"), demographic of patient and type of drug found (if any).*
- 3) Please could you provide me with the Trust's current policy at A&E for testing for reported or suspected "injection-spiking" in patients? If possible, please include information on whether tests are done, even when not clinically necessary e.g. for benefit of capturing the information / early evidence for police in case of subsequent reporting.*
- 4) Please could you provide me with the Trust's current policy at A&E for testing for reported or suspected "drink-spiking" in patients? If possible, please include information on whether tests are done, even when not clinically necessary e.g. for benefit of capturing the information / early evidence for police in case of subsequent reporting.*
- 5) Please could you tell me what funding, if any, the Trust has received (directly or indirectly) from the Home Office's Safety of Women at Night Fund (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-awarded-for-new-projects-to-keep-women-safe>)?*

Trust response:

1. The Trust is unable to provide this information as we do not have enough diagnostic granularity to identify victims of spiking, and we do not have access to the test results that would tell us what drug was used or how long ago.
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3. Any presentation to A&E is managed by symptom control. The Trust does not have the ability to screen for potential drugs that may have been used in 'injection-spiking'. As such we do not have a policy for this.
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5. The Trust is not aware of having received any of this funding either directly or indirectly.