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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: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

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

The Trust asked for clarification as follows:

We are unable to provide the information relating to A&E attendances, only once a patient has been admitted.

Please also note that there is not a code specifically for drink spiking. The information received from our coding team is as follows:

Possible codes as below:

X85 codes classify 'Assault or homicidal poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances'. It is not specific just for drink spiking or injection spiking.

Drink spiking = X85.9 (or X85.0-X85.8) assigned after the specific drug code

Spiking via injection = X85.9 (or X85.0-X85.8) assigned after the specific drug code

Can you please confirm that you wish us to proceed on an inpatient basis only using the above detailed codes as our search criteria?

You confirmed that we were to proceed as indicated above.

Trust response:

1. No inpatients have those diagnosis codes between those dates
2. Not applicable.
3. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.
4. 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'.