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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: FOIA request regarding the incidence of drink spiking incidents

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details																																																																																																																																																																																											
<p>1. The number of recorded incidents of suspected spiking cases from October 2021 – September 2025, broken down by month where possible. Please further breakdown where available, provide a breakdown of the information, such as grouped data or percentages:</p> <p>a. Type of spiking methods – needling, drink spiking, food spiking, vape spiking and any other means</p> <p>b. Gender – Male, Female, Non-binary, Not disclosed, Other</p> <p>c. Age group of individuals at the time of alleged spiking –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o below 18 o 18 to 24 o 25 to 34 o 35 to 44 o 45 and above <p>d. Setting/location type where spiking took place (bar, nightclub, private</p>	<p>a. & d. Information not recorded on our electronic system.</p> <p>b. & c.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Below 18</th> <th colspan="2">18-24</th> <th colspan="2">25-34</th> <th colspan="2">35-44</th> <th colspan="2">45+</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> <th>M</th> <th>F</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oct-21</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov-21</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>7</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec-21</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jun-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jul-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec-22</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Below 18		18-24		25-34		35-44		45+			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Oct-21	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	Nov-21	0	1	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	Dec-21	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	Jan-22	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Feb-22	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	Mar-22	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	Apr-22	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	May-22	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	Jun-22	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	Jul-22	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	Aug-22	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	Sep-22	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	Oct-22	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	Nov-22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	Dec-22	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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2. Copies of or link to any guidance, protocols, or policies your organisation has for responding to suspected spiking incidents.	<p>Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not hold a specific standalone policy, protocol, or guidance document explicitly relating to the management of suspected spiking incidents.</p> <p>However, the Trust manages such presentations in line with existing overarching policies and clinical frameworks, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Adults and Children policies 													

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Department clinical assessment and management protocols • Trust policies relating to intoxication, substance misuse, and patient safety • Incident reporting and escalation procedures <p>https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/clinical-policies/ https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/non-clinical-policies/</p> <p>Patients presenting with suspected spiking are assessed and managed on an individual clinical basis, with appropriate safeguarding considerations, clinical investigation, and liaison with external agencies (e.g. police) where indicated.</p>			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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