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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing a response.

Police Scotland continues to investigate reports of 'spiking'.

Spiking, whether by adding drugs or alcohol to someone's drink, or by injection, without their consent, is a criminal offence. It can put people at significant risk of harm.

Officers are not always able to determine the reasons why a perpetrator carries out an assault in this way, but every report is taken seriously and investigated robustly.

Police Scotland continues to work with a range of partners, locally and nationally to ensure pubs and clubs are safe spaces for all.

We are working in communities, with licensees, pubs and clubs, to provide advice and support and to offer bystander training to help spot the signs of when someone may be at risk. We have also reached out to student communities to offer advice, support and reassurance.

We would encourage anyone who believes they have had their drink spiked or been assaulted in this way to contact Police Scotland on 101 or in an emergency 999.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**I am writing an article about spiking/drugging levels in Glasgow and I would like to request the following information.**

### **1 How many reported spikings have there been in Glasgow in 2021?**

I would first of all advise you that crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classifications.

Whilst there is no classification for 'spiking' specifically, I have progressed your request in terms of the two most *potentially relevant* crime classifications as follows:

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**Drugging** - Is a Crime at Common Law, when drugs are feloniously administered with intent to produce stupefaction. There need be no further intent, and it is not necessary that injury to the person be caused.

**Administering a substance for sexual purposes** - Section 11 of the Sexual Offences Scotland Act 2009 refers (for further details please see [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk))

Recorded crime data for Greater Glasgow Division of Police Scotland in 2021 is provided below:

Recorded crimes in Greater Glasgow Division	2021
Administering a substance for sexual purposes	1
Drugging	129
Total	130

*All data is provisional and should be treated as management information only.  
All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems.  
2021 data are correct as at 27 January 2022.*

## 2 How many reported spikings in glasgow have you had in the past month?

Recorded crime data for Greater Glasgow Division of Police Scotland for January and February 2022 is provided below:

Recorded crimes in Greater Glasgow Division	Jan 2022	Feb 2022
Administering a substance for sexual purposes	0	0
Drugging	11	21
Total	11	21

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information only.  
All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems.  
2022 data are correct as at 22nd March 2022.*

## 3 Of these reports have there been any convictions?

In terms of section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that conviction data is *not held* by Police Scotland. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to

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[foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.