

Reference Number: FOI202122413
From: Press/Media
Date: 21 December 2021
Subject: A&E admissions relating to so-called "injection-spiking"

Q1 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).

A1 Zero

Q2 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).

A2 Zero

Q3 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.

A3 Information not held – Alder Hey Children's Hospital is a Paediatric Trust and has not identified a need for an "injection-spiking" policy for it's A&E department

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Q5 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>)?

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