

Reference:	FOI.19260.26
Subject:	Spiking incidents
Date of Request:	7 January 2026

Requested:

I would like to request the following information your organisation may hold regarding incidents of spiking:

1. The number of recorded incidents of suspected spiking cases from October 2021 – September 2025, broken down by month where possible
2. Where available, provide a breakdown of the information, such as grouped data or percentages:
 - a. Type of spiking methods – needling, drink spiking, food spiking, vape spiking and any other means
 - b. Gender – Male, Female, Non-binary, Not disclosed, Other
 - c. Age group of individuals at the time of alleged spiking –
 - below 18
 - 18 to 24
 - 25 to 34
 - 35 to 44
 - 45 and above
 - d. Setting/location type where spiking took place (bar, nightclub, private residence, university accommodation, others)
3. Copies of or link to any guidance, protocols, or policies your organisation has for responding to suspected spiking incidents.
4. This question is for Sexual Assault Referral Centres — do you accept reports of spiking even if there hasn't been a sexual assault?

Where available, provide the information separately for each hospital with an A&E/ED department within the trust (Bronglais General Hospital, Glangwili General Hospital, Withybush General Hospital, etc).

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested in relation to suspected spiking incidents.

We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Team in Dyfed Powys Police who may be able to help you with your enquiry. To make a Freedom of Information request to Dyfed Powys Police, an online form can be completed. For ease of reference, a link to their webpage to make a request has been provided below:

[Make an FOI request to ask for information about the police | Dyfed-Powys Polices](#)

Alternatively, you can make a request in writing to:

Dyfed-Powys Police Headquarters, PO Box 99, Llangunnor, Carmarthen, SA31 2PF
or by email: FOI@dyfed-powys.police.uk

3. The UHB does not hold guidance, protocols, or policies relating to suspected spiking incidents. The UHB would treat symptoms, it would be for Dyfed Powys Police to determine if a spiking incident occurred.
4. The UHB does not hold this information. However, the UHB and Dyfed Powys Police commission services from New Pathways, who deliver sexual violence support across Wales. For your information, a link to the website has been provided below.

[New Pathways Rape crisis and sexual abuse support services.](#)