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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5002

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 21st December 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1) 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).

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have an Accident & Emergency Department, therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

2) 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).

[Same as above.](#)

3) 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.

[Same as above.](#)

4) Please could you provide me with the Trust's current policy at A&E for testing for reported or suspected "drink-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.

[Same as above.](#)

5) 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>)?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has not received funding from the Home Office's Safety of Women at Night Fund.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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