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WALES SAFER COMMUNITIES
Network



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Croeso / Welcome

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Spiking Introduction

- Spiking is a premeditated, violating and damaging act. It is a serious crime carrying a max 10yr sentence.
- Makes a person highly vulnerable. It has links to sexual violence but also to other forms of harm such as assault and robbery. Spiking can have long term health, emotional and psychological impacts on victims.
- Low levels of offender identification & prosecution.
- Under reported crime – Low confidence levels for victims to report.
- Forms of spiking:
 - Alcohol
 - Drugs – rape drugs, illegal drugs, prescription drugs
 - Methodology – drinks & injection.

Predominantly
male



- Night time economy
- House parties
- Home

Females, males and non-binary people

Spotlight, Public Fear & Concerns for Safety

Media & Social Media focus

Movements & Campaigns

- Student Unions / 'Big night in'
Cardiff, Chester, Ormskirk, Sheffield, Manchester, Durham...
- Partnerships
'Bristol Nights', Gloucestershire, Manchester, Scotland, Nottingham
- Drink Aware - www.drinkaware.co.uk/advice/staying-safe-while-drinking/drink-spiking-and-date-rape-drugs/
- Big Night Out - www.goodnightoutcampaign.org/
- The Commons Home Affairs Committee - urging for experiences to be shared as part of a public inquiry launched 10 December 2021 running until 19 January 2022.

Aim of the Workshop

The main aim of this workshop is to start the conversation promoting a whole system approach. The issue cannot be tackled in isolation.

1. Prevention and reduction

- Good Practice identification & approaches being taken to tackle and reduce the risk of 'spiking' in Wales with public bodies, third sector organisations and private companies.

2. Pursue & prosecution of offenders

- Spotlight on offending

3. Victim reporting, safeguarding & support

- Changing the culture – they will be believed.

The workshop will give an opportunity to share information from across Wales and ensure that there are no gaps being left between the different agencies and partnerships, ensuring there is a coordinated and joined up response.

- Who's responsibility?