

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

COMMITTEE:	Community		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	30th January 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	David McGifford, Chief Officer / Cllr R Walton		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	7.1 Spiking Test Kits		
Background	<p>The White Ribbon Group has been in discussions with both the police and the Congleton Pub Watch Group raising concerns over the amount of drink spiking taking place in and around Congleton. The Group discussed the potential of providing local pubs with free test kits which could be given to someone who believes their drink has been spiked.</p> <p>Since its last meeting of the WRG on the 15th of January 2025 contact has been made with the PCC regarding this matter who advised that funding is available for these kits however applications need to be sent to the PCC's office by the end of January.</p> <p>An application will have been sent to the PCC's office during w/e 31-1-25 and clear guidance on the use of these kits will be provided to publicans.</p>		
Financial Implications	There are no final implications to the council as the kits are FOC.		
Environmental Implications	Guidance on the use and disposal of these kits will be provided.		
Equality and Diversity Impact	Where stocked these kits will be available to any individual who believes their drinks have been spiked.		
PROPOSAL	To note this report.		