

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 7/01/22 through 08/31/22

Number of SAKs that are in the possession of the applicant agency at the beginning of the award period: 0

The NH DOJ issues SAEKs to hospitals but does not possess used SAEKs; SAEKs are held as evidence at individual police departments around the State until and after lab submission. Law Enforcement agencies from around the State self-reported the four-digit kit serial numbers for unsubmitted kits. Over 1,000 individual kit serial numbers were recorded since NH began working on this in 2017. The inventory has been updated to include kits that the lab requested be resubmitted due to incomplete analysis. The lab has reported that 436 out of the 595 kits received as a result of this project have been outsourced.

Number of SAKs inventoried during the reporting period:

1 kit was transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab during this 60-day reporting period as a result of this Initiative; this had been requested back from the Lab for additional analysis.

Number of SAKs that do not require testing.

The NH State Police Forensic Lab determines which kits are not eligible for testing pursuant to their protocol and standards. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit, therefore the DOJ and the SAFE-ITR Coordinator do not have access to individual lab reports or data generated as a result of this Initiative. Reasons that some kits were not tested include the kit being collected outside collection timeframes, cases involving digital penetration and cases in which sample collection was incomplete. Aggregate data provided by the lab for January – June 2022 indicated that 124 kits had no usable profile developed/no testing and an updated number is not yet available.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAKs identified as needing forensic testing:

This is determined by the NH State Police Forensic Lab pursuant to their protocols and standards. This data is constantly fluctuating as not all kits that have arrived at the lab have been processed to date and kits and reports from the outsourcing lab continue to arrive at the NH State Police Forensic Lab. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit and will be submitting SAFE-ITR related lab reports to the respective County Attorney Office. The NH DOJ and the SAFE-ITR Coordinator do not have access to individual lab reports or data generated as a result of this Initiative. Hundreds of kits are being reviewed and reported on upon their return from the outsourcing lab. The Lab has indicated that 18 cases need mixture convolution at a later date.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAKs sent to the laboratory for testing.

At this point in this Initiative, approximately 99% of previously unsubmitted SAEK's still eligible to move to the lab have been transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab. Follow-up requests for the resubmission of kits with incomplete analysis in the past were made through September 2022 and a few are still pending resubmission or some other disposition.

Percent reduction in the number of unsubmitted SAKs requiring DNA testing.

This metric was not available from the NH State Police Forensic Lab at the time of previous reporting so there is no previous data to compute the reduction in this reporting period. The NH State Police Forensic Lab continues to work with the vendor lab to outsource kits. 436 have been outsourced to date. The NH State Police Forensic Lab has sought additional funding to continue analysis of SAEKs and plans to bring on new technologies and chemistries. The latest data indicated there were 46 CODIS eligible profiles and 14 CODIS hits as a result of this project.

Number of SAEKs inventoried and reported that:

- A. Were identified as previously tested: 77 total since SAFE-ITR work began.
- B. Do not require testing: Exact number not currently available. Lab data provided for the semi-annual report ending 6/30/22 indicates that 124 of the SAFE-ITR kits either had no testing or no usable profile but the exact number in each category is not available to the SAFE-ITR Coordinator at the time of this report.
- C. Were sent to the laboratory for testing: Approx. 1 in this 60-day reporting period; Approx. 595 since SAFE-ITR work began.
- D. Had a final disposition (e.g., were adjudicated): **Unknown**. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator previously requested feedback from County Attorneys around the State on any cases that are re-opened or adjudicated as a result of this project, when available. At this point, the NH State Police Forensic Lab is in the process of reviewing and reporting on results for approximately 215 of the outsourced kits and will be disseminating those reports to the submitting law enforcement agency and related County Attorney Office.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations:

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** The focus of this reporting period was the soft launch of NH's kit tracking system. Kits with kit tracking capability are currently in 8 hospitals in New Hampshire and 5 of those hospitals have used the tracking system. An inventory of kit serial numbers currently in hospital supply was recently done and tracking labels linked to those kit serial numbers have been ordered to be retrofitted to all kits currently in hospital supply around the state. Tracking labels are available at the NH DOJ for when hospitals request additional kit supply. More tracking labels will be ordered to ensure that all kits going forward are trackable kits. 23 trackable kits have already been submitted to the NH State Police Forensic Lab, 6 more were transferred out-of-state, and others are at law enforcement agencies pending lab submission. 12 different law enforcement agencies have used the system to date. After an approximately 90-day soft launch of the system, NH is transitioning to a full statewide launch of the tracking system in the coming weeks.
- **Commencement and completion of inventory:** The inventory was completed previously and continues to be updated as additional data becomes available. During this reporting period, all kits that were shipped out to hospital supply were tracked in the tracking system. The tracking system will allow for an inventory of all kits used in NH going forward.
- **Commencement of tracking and reporting on SAEK movement:** Until the tracking system is fully in use around the State, the SAFE-ITR Coordinator and Lab personnel continue to work together to identify any kits that appear to be unsubmitted. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator continues to follow up on kits when necessary to prevent an accumulation of unsubmitted kits in NH going forward. Tracking data is not available beyond lab submission for kits utilized prior to the launch of the kit tracking system but will become available in the months to come. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator has continued to work with the kit tracking vendor to ensure that the system's reporting features will identify kits that are not progressing through the system.
- **Develop website to report metrics** SAFE-ITR Reports will continue to be posted on the NH DOJ website (www.doj.nh.gov) and can be found under the "Resources" tab. Under the "Crime Victims" tab, there is a link to the "Office of Victim/Witness Assistance" and the reports appear under "Policies, Reports, Publications."