

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 5/01/22 through 06/30/22

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

The NH DOJ does not possess used SAEKs; SAEKs are held as evidence at individual police departments around the State. 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 have been recorded since NH's inventory of unsubmitted SAEKs began in 2017. The inventory has been updated to include kits that the lab requested be resubmitted due to incomplete analysis.

Number of SAKs inventoried during the reporting period:

Approximately 6 kits were transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab during this 60-day reporting period as a result of this Initiative. All of these kits 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 and the respective County Attorney Office, 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. The lab has generally advised that factors such as kit collection outside collection timeframes, digital penetration, penetration by an object and cases in which sample collection was incomplete resulted in select kits not being tested. Approximately 35 additional kits initially identified as unsubmitted in the NH inventory of kits will not move to the lab as they have been destroyed, were utilized for reasons other than sexual assault evidence, or were determined to be associated with substantiated false reports. Additionally, 25 past (SAFE-ITR) kits to date have been transferred out-of-state for jurisdictional reasons. 180 Anonymous kits do not require testing unless/until a victim comes forward. Please see aggregate data provided by the Lab for the semi-annual report ending 06/30/22.

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 kits have continued to arrive at the lab and not all kits have been processed. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit and SAFE-ITR related lab reports are also being sent 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. Please see aggregate data provided by the Lab for the semi-annual report ending 06/30/22.

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 throughout June 2022 and a small number 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 and has sought additional funding to continue analysis of SAEKs. Aggregate data was provided by the Lab for the semi-annual report ending 06/30/22.

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. 6 in this 60-day reporting period; Approx. 595 since SAFE-ITR work began.
- D. Had a final disposition (e.g., were adjudicated): **Unknown.** Without access to an automated tracking system, there is currently no way to track this. 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. However, at this point, the NH State Police Forensic Lab is still in the process of reviewing and reporting on results for kits that were outsourced thus far and hundreds of results have not yet been disseminated.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations:

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** During this 60-day reporting period, Kits with kit tracking capability were delivered to 4 of the larger hospitals in New Hampshire. 30 additional kit tracking labels are available to be affixed to kits when hospitals request additional kit supply. Additional kit tracking labels from the vendor are expected to be delivered soon so that all kits shipped to hospitals going forward will have tracking capability. Current hospital kit supply will also be assessed so that tracking labels can be generated for those kit serial numbers and labels can affixed to kits shipped to hospitals prior to the launch of the kit tracking system.
- **Commencement and completion of inventory:** The inventory was completed previously and continues to be updated as additional data becomes available.
- **Commencement of tracking and reporting on SAEK movement:** Limited tracking by the SAFE-ITR Coordinator and Lab personnel continues to be done to ensure that current kits collected at hospitals around the State are arriving at the Lab in a timely fashion. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator followings 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. The SAFE-ITR coordinator is working 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."