

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 11/01/22 through 12/31/22

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, now with kit tracking labels affixed to them, but does not possess used SAEKs. SAEKs are held as evidence at individual police departments around the State until and after lab submission.

Number of SAKs inventoried during the reporting period:

Utilizing the new tracking system, 29 kits were submitted to the NH State Police Forensic Lab (NHSPFL) for analysis during this reporting period. An additional 13 anonymous kits were submitted to the lab but will not be analyzed unless/until a victim comes forward to law enforcement and authorizes analysis.

Number of SAKs that do not require testing.

The NH State Police Forensic Lab determines which kits are not eligible for testing. 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. Over the course of the Program, 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.

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. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit and SAFE-ITR related lab reports also go 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.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAKs sent to the laboratory for testing.

Based on the data available, approximately 99 - 100% of previously unsubmitted SAEK's still eligible to move to the lab have been transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab. In an effort to determine if NH had any additional unsubmitted kits, as part of a 9/1/22 Law Enforcement Memorandum sent out by the NH DOJ about the launch of the kit tracking system, law enforcement agencies were asked to contact the SAFE-ITR Coordinator if they still had any unsubmitted kits.

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

Based on NHSPFL data provided in the semiannual report ending December 2022, approximately 75% of SAFE-ITR kits have been processed to date.

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.
- C. Were sent to the laboratory for testing: Approx. **592** previously unsubmitted or "incomplete analysis" kits since Program work began. *This number was previously reported as 595 however in this reporting period, the NHSPFL lab reported finding three duplicate entries.
- 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.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations:

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** With NH's kit tracking system now in a full statewide launch, the focus of this reporting period was ensuring that the kit tracking system was being used and educating when it was discovered that it was not. 13 different medical facilities have used the tracking system to date. Tracking labels are available at the NH DOJ for when hospitals request additional kit supply. In addition to tracking kits within our state, the tracking system tracked 8 kits that were transferred out-of-state for jurisdictional reasons during this 60-day reporting period. 44 law enforcement agencies, to include local, county and state agencies, have used the new kit tracking system to date. As use of the tracking system has not been necessary in all hospitals or by all law enforcement agencies, outreach and training will continue as kits are collected in other areas of New Hampshire. A usage alert continues to be sent to the SAFE-ITR Coordinator when kit tracking is initiated by a medical facility; this allows for timely outreach to law enforcement agencies who are receiving a kit and will be using the kit tracking system for the first time. The NH Attorney General sent out a Law Enforcement Memorandum to all NH County Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies on 9/1/22 which explained the system and the expectation that it will be utilized.
- **Commencement and completion of inventory:** NH's Tracking System is now functional and inventory reports can be generated. As of 01/30/23:
 - **235** trackable kits are available for use in hospital supply across the State. Hundreds more are available for distribution by the NH DOJ
 - **90** trackable kits are at NH police departments, this includes contemporary kits pending lab submission, pending transfer to another agency for jurisdictional reasons, or received back from the Lab for retention pursuant to NH RSA 21-M:18
 - **202** trackable kits are in-house at the NH State Police Forensic Lab. *This does not include kits from past years that were outsourced as part of the SAFE-ITR Program
 - **20** trackable kits were sent out of State for jurisdictional reasons since the launch of the kit tracking system.
 - **22** out-of-state kits received in New Hampshire for jurisdictional reasons have been incorporated into NH's tracking system.
- **Commencement of tracking and reporting on SAEK movement:** The tracking system is now capable of identifying kits in the system that have not been submitted to the NH State Police Forensic Lab. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator continues to follow up on kits when necessary to prevent an accumulation of unsubmitted kits in NH going forward. Starting in November 2022, the 10 County Attorneys around the State have received a monthly status report of kits in their respective County. Additional tracking and reporting data will become available as the system is used more in the months to come.
- **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."