

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 3/01/22 through 04/30/22

Number of SAEKs 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. The NH State Police Forensic Lab provided four digit kit serial numbers for kits they wanted resubmitted due to incomplete analysis. Over 1,000 individual kit serial numbers have been recorded since NH's inventory of unsubmitted SAEKs began in 2017.

Number of SAEKs inventoried during the reporting period:

5 previously submitted sexual assault kits and/or lab-separated exhibits from them were returned to the NH State Police Forensic Lab during this 60-day reporting period as a result of this Initiative.

Number of SAEKs that do not require testing.

The NH State Police Forensic Lab will determine 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. 180 Anonymous kits that are part of the inventory do not require testing unless/until a victim comes forward.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAEKs identified as needing forensic testing:

This will be 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 in some cases CC's the respective County Attorney Office, therefore 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. 6 months of aggregate data was provided by the Lab for the semi-annual report ending 12/31/21.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAEKs 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.

Percent reduction in the number of unsubmitted SAEKs 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 Lab continues to work with a vendor lab to outsource kits and has sought additional funding to continue analysis of SAEKs.

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. 35 total since SAFE-ITR work began.
- C. Were sent to the laboratory for testing: **5** in this 60-day period; **584** 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.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations.

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** The SAFE-ITR Coordinator has been in regular communication with the company developing NH's kit tracking system. Review of the victim and updater websites and testing of the system is anticipated to begin in late May 2022.
- **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:** This will be dependent on the deployment of the automated information system in the near future. Pending the tracking system, the SAFE-ITR Coordinator and Lab personnel continue to coordinate to ensure that current kits collected at hospitals around the State are arriving at the Lab in a timely fashion. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator follows up on kits when necessary, in an effort to prevent an accumulation of unsubmitted kits in NH going forward. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator has recently started conversations on the topic of out-of-state kits to ensure that kits are also tracked when victims seek care and evidence collection in a different state.

Develop website to report metrics

SAFE-ITR Reports have been 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."