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2026/1141 - Injuries to police officers from assaults

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

I would be grateful for the following, for each of the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26. Where a question asks for a split by sex of the officer, please give it if your systems record it; if not, a total will do.

1. For context, the total number of assaults on police officers on duty recorded by your force, by year and by sex of the officer.

Based on recorded instances of Assaults on Police (offences of "Assault without Injury on a Constable", "Assault with Injury on a constable" or offences involving victim features "Police officer - on duty")
FY2023 = 505
FY2024 = 557
FY2025 = 542
This will include offences perpetrated against police staff (most commonly PCSO's).

Based on reports of Assaults on Use Of Force submission:
FY2023 = 246
FY2024 = 515
FY2025 = 338
Note that data for FY2023 and 2024 does not consistently split between Assaulted or Injured, and therefore the above may be higher than the actual value.

2. The number of assaults on police officers on duty in which the officer required hospital treatment (attendance at A&E, a minor injuries unit or admission), by year and by sex of the officer.
3. For the assaults in question 2, the number in which the recorded injury was: (a) a fracture or broken bone; (b) a head injury or concussion; (c) a bite; (d) a stab, slash or other wound from a weapon; (e) an eye injury; (f) any other injury. Please also give, for all assaults on officers whether or not hospital treatment was needed, the number in which the officer was (g) spat at and (h) bitten.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the

amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

I have provided the data available as part of the Occurrence MO:

Row Labels	2023	2024	2025
;Attack - from behind;Punch;Struck;	3		
;Attack - from front;	2		
;Attack - from front;Head butt;	1		
;Attack - from front;Other bodily force;Punch;			1
;Attack - from front;Push;	1		
;Bite;	8	5	2
;Bite;Attack - from front;	1		
;Bite;Kick;	1		
;Bite;Kick			1
;Bite;Other bodily force;	10		1
;Bite;Push;	1		
;Bite;Scratch;			1
;Dragged;Grab;			1
;Grab;	3	3	2
;Grab;Push;			2
;Grab;Scratch;	4		
;Head butt;	12	1	3
;Kick;	46	27	23
;Kick;Attack - from front;	1		
;Kick;Head butt;	1	1	
;Kick;Kneed;		1	
;Kick	3		
;Kick;Other bodily force;	1	1	
;Kick;Punch;	3	4	1
;Kick;Push;		1	
;Kick;Scratch;		1	
;Kick;Slap;		1	
;Kick;Verbal threats;		1	
;Kick;Verbal threats;Head butt;	1		
;Kneed;		1	1
;Other bodily force;	9	2	5
;Other bodily force;Attack - from front;	2		
;Other bodily force;Beat;Head butt;	1		
;Other bodily force;Grab;	1	1	1
;Other bodily force;Slap;Scratch;	1		
;Punch;	10	7	8
;Punch;Struck;	1		

;Push;	8	8	9
;Push;Struck;			1
;Scratch;	3		
;Scratch			1
;Scratch;Struck;			1
;Slap;	1	1	1
;Slap;Scratch;	1		
;Stamp;	1		
;Strangle - hands;		1	
;Strangle - other;			1
;Struck;	5	2	2
;Used item from scene as weapon;	2	1	4
;Used item from scene as weapon;Struck;	1		
;Verbal threats;	2		1
;Verbal threats;Head butt;	1		
;Verbal threats		1	
;Verbal threats;Struck;	1		

4. The number of working days lost to sickness absence recorded as resulting from an assault on duty, by year, and the number of officers whose absence after an assault exceeded 28 days.

IOD Assault (Officer Totals) >28 days	FY	Legal Sex	Count	Days off work
	23/24	F	1	38
		M	2	388
	24/25	F	1	35
		M	2	397
	25/26	F	1	44
		M	5	343

5. The number of officers who (a) retired on ill-health grounds,

Ill health retirement	23/24	24/25	25/26
F			
M	5	2	4

(b) were granted an injury on duty award, or

Year	Number of officers granted an injury award
Financial year 2023-24	3
Financial year 2024-25	2
Financial year 2025-26	2

(c) resigned, where an assault on duty was recorded as the cause or a contributing cause, by year.

Not recorded

6. If held in summary form, brief details of the three most serious assaults on officers in 2025/26 - the nature of the injury, whether a weapon was used, the sex of the officer and the outcome for the attacker if known - without identifying the officers concerned.

We are unable able to answer this question as 'most serious assaults' is not held.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 17/11/2026