| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0083  Responded to: 27 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## In the financial years 2022/23, 23/24, and 24/25 (Up to 08.01.25), how many officers, PCSOs and support staff were physically assaulted by members of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role.

Table 1 provides a yearly breakdown of assaults reported to our Health and Safety Team, committed against Officers and Support Staff, between 1 April 2022 and 8 January 2025. (Please note that Police Scotland do not employ Police Community Support Officers.)

*Table 1 - Health and Safety Data - 01/04/2022 to 08/01/2025 - Assault*

| **Role** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** | **2024/25** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Officer | 4,670 | 5,441 | 4,328 | 14,439 |
| Police Staff | 133 | 122 | 126 | 381 |
| Probationer | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Special Constable | 8 | 4 | 9 | 21 |
| Total | 4,812 | 5,567 | 4,463 | 14,842 |

## Of those who were assaulted, how many required hospital treatment as a result of their injuries? Please provide a breakdown by role for the same financial years.

Table 2 provides a yearly breakdown of hospital attendance as a result of assaults reported to our Health and Safety Team, committed against Officers and Support Staff between 1 April 2023 and 8 January 2025.

*Table 2 - Health and Safety Data - 01/04/2022 to 08/01/2025 - Assault*

| **Role** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** | **2024/25** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Officer- hospital - received treatment & released | 220 | 202 | 177 | 607 |
| Officer - hospitalised | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Police Staff - hospital - received treatment & released | 7 | 8 | 10 | 25 |
| Special Constable - hospital - received treatment & released | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 228 | 212 | 193 | 633 |

## How many days of medical leave were granted to officers, PCSOs and support staff owing to injuries sustained after an assault by a member of the public? Please provide a breakdown by role for the same financial years.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we record all absences on the SCOPE HR system.

To determine if an absence was linked to an assault, would require us to examine each of the records individually. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.