| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2847  Responded to: xx December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please could you tell me the number of times police officers in your North East Division have been attacked and the injuries sustained in 2024 (to the current date), 2023 and 2022.

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I would first of all advise that such requests have been treated in the past as cost prohibitive in their entirety. Although changes to the way in which we record assaults against police officers and staff mean that some accurate data can now be provided, offence classifications for earlier periods are still limited in terms of the level of detail that can be retrieved within the cost limitations of the Act.

Where it is not possible to provide all of the information requested without individually examining each crime report, the terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) would apply.

Tables 1 – 3 provide data extracted from our crime recording systems which relate to recorded crimes against an Emergency Worker, which has then been partially refined to provide recent crime data specifically relating to assaults against police/staff.

Please note the time frame will vary for each piece of legislation and cannot be used for comparison purposes. All data was correct on 2nd December 2024:

**Table 1: Recorded Common Assault of an Emergency Worker - North East Division**

**1st January 2022 – 31st March 2024\* (Calendar Years)**

| **Crime/Offence** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Common Assault of an Emergency Worker | 612 | 604 | 147 |

Please note Table 1 data for 2024 only includes up to 31st March 2024.

Data from 01 April 2024 up to date of request still requires internal quality assurance and validation and is therefore not held in terms of section 17 of the Act.

**Table 2: Recorded crimes of Police / staff Assaults - North East Division**

**1st April 2024 – 30th November 2024 (incl.)**

| **Crime/Offence** | **April – Nov 2024\*\*** |
| --- | --- |
| Common assault of police officer/staff (with injury) | 50 |
| Common assault of police officer/staff (without injury) | 408 |

Please note the time frame for the crime codes above came into force on 1st April 2024.

Any previous data is considered exempt under Section 12 (cost limitations) as described above.

**Table 3: Recorded crimes of Police Serious Assaults - North East Division**

**1st January 2022 - 30th November 2024 (Calendar Years)**

| **Crime/Offence** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024\*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Serious assault against officer | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Turning to the details of injuries sustained, all injury incidents are required to be recorded by officers / supervisors completing a SCoPE Accident/Violence report.

Recorded figures are based on all officer injuries reported to our People and Development Team and is therefore dependant on the officer or their supervisor completing that process.

On that basis, Table 4 confirms the number of Police Officers who recorded being injured in North East Division between January 2022 and November 2024, broken by injury detail.

Please note this data will include both criminal and non-criminal incidents so is not suitable for comparative purposes with any other dataset.

**Table 4: Recorded Injuries (SCoPE) – North East Division**

**January 2022 to November 2024**

| **Description** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Abrasion / grazing | 19 | 8 | 24 | **51** |
| Bite | 8 | 11 | 9 | **28** |
| Body fluid exposure (to body) | 1 | 1 | 1 | **3** |
| Body fluid exposure ( to eyes / nose / mouth) | 13 | 9 | 7 | **29** |
| Bruising / inflammation | 38 | 31 | 23 | **92** |
| Burn / scald | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** |
| Concussion | 3 | 1 | 2 | **6** |
| Cut / laceration | 24 | 14 | 14 | **52** |
| Fracture | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** |
| Internal injury | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** |
| No injury | 366 | 388 | 360 | **1114** |
| Other | 2 | 2 | 1 | **5** |
| Puncture wound | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** |
| Soft tissue injury | 9 | 4 | 2 | **15** |
| Sprain / strain | 5 | 1 | 1 | **7** |
| **Total** | **488** | **472** | **446** | **1406** |

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

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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.