| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-3168  Responded to: 10 January 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I refer you to the article below:** [**'Edinburgh officers injured on beat as Scots police suffer almost 7,000 assaults in 2024'**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.edinburghlive.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fedinburgh-news%2Fedinburgh-officers-injured-beat-scots-30542530%3Fint_source%3Damp_continue_reading%26int_medium%3Damp%26int_campaign%3Dcontinue_reading_button%23amp-readmore-target&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C6b4657b77d844744723908dd18ef2d07%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638694138762055352%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yuYGFNy6e23J9iPK8Ljpg%2B05IxyEdRCzCkCurdgtR6Q%3D&reserved=0)

**The article says "Police Scotland recorded 6702 assaults on officers and staff in 2023-24, with 1675 (25 per cent) suffering injuries and 212 needing hospital treatment"**

**Can you please tell me:**

**1) How many of the 6702 assaults were perpetrated against officers by males?**

**2) How many of the 6702 assaults were perpetrated against officers by females?**

**3) How many of the 6702 assaults were perpetrated against staff by males?**

**4) How many of the 6702 assaults were perpetrated against staff by females?**

In order to differentiate between the victim being a Police Officer or member of Police Staff, a manual review of all 6,702 crime reports would be requiredand this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information requested.

To be of assistance however, in relation to the sex of the accused more generally for all reports, I can advise as follows.

You should note first of all that a crime report can have more than one accused individual linked to it.

The 6,702 assault crime reports had a total of 6,738 accused recorded between them.

4,562 were male, 2,135 were females and 41 were recorded as null/ unknown.

**5) How many of the 1675 who suffered injuries were male officers?**

**6) How many of the 1675 who suffered injuries were female officers?**

**7) How many of the 1675 who suffered injuries were male staff?**

**8) How many of the 1675 who suffered injuries were female staff?**

**9) How many of the 212 who needed hospital treatment were male officers?**

**10) How many of the 212 who needed hospital treatment were female officers?**

**11) How many of the 212 who needed hospital treatment were male staff?**

**12) How many of the 212 who needed hospital treatment were female staff?**

**13) Of the 1675 injuries that were perpetrated, how many were perpetrated by males?**

**14) Of the 1675 injuries that were perpetrated, how many were perpetrated by females?**

**15) Of the 212 incidents perpetrated that resulted in hospital treatment, how many were perpetrated by males?**

**16) Of the 212 incidents perpetrated that resulted in hospital treatment, how many were perpetrated by females?**

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, injury data is held on the Police Scotland System to Co-ordination Personnel and Establishment (SCOPE) database.

To extract the role and gender of each individual injured, each record would have to be manually reviewed - an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

In relation to questions 13-16, the information would have to then be further cross referenced with crime data held on a different database.

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.