



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2013-05467

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Assaults on Police Officers

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Further to F-2013-04774, please consider this as a refined request for the information below. How many officers have been assaulted whilst on duty since 2007? (with the most up to date figures as much as possible)

#### Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

<sup>1</sup> The following offence classifications have been included in the table below: attempted murder, causing death by dangerous driving etc, GBH/wounding with intent, GBH/wounding without intent, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, assault on police with injury and assault on police without injury.

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

Please note that figures within the current financial year (i.e. from 1st April 2013) are provisional and will be subject to change.

#### Assault offences<sup>1</sup> where the victim was a police officer on duty

Financial Year	Number of offences recorded
2007/08	2,899
2008/09	2,987
2009/10	3,341

2011/12	3,499
2012/13	3,588
1 April – 31 Oct 2013	1,849

Source: PSNI statistics branch

## Question 2

How many officers have been a) injured due to an assault whilst on duty and b) how many were given leave due to the injury?

Between 1/1/2007 and 11/10/2013 Human Resources has confirmed there have been 889 Accident/Incident reports from Police Officers stating the category of the accident/incident as Assault. Of these, 64 are shown as having taken time off work. These figures are correct as of 15/10/13.

Please note the figures in question 1 relate to officers who have been assaulted however not all these would have completed an accident/incident forms stating the category of the accident/incident as assault.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.