

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01988

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Assaults on Police Officers

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

I would like to know the number of reported assaults on police officers for every month from January 2019 to the most recent month for which records are available.

I would like the information presented as follows, January 2019, February 2019, March 2019 etc.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing the number of recorded offences of 'Assault with injury on a Constable' and 'Assault without injury on a Constable', by month, for the period January 2019 - September 2020.

A combined total for 'Assault on a Constable' offences has also been provided.

Please note: Changes can be expected to figures from 1st April 2020, as records are subject to ongoing validation and quality assurance processes until publication in May 2021; annual revisions to previously published financial year figures may also be applied at this time.

	Assault with injury on a Constable	Assault without injury on a constable	Total 'Assault on a Constable' Offences
January 2019	53	166	219
February 2019	33	168	201
March 2019	49	196	245
April 2019	44	207	251
May 2019	64	154	218
June 2019	61	174	235
July 2019	65	190	255
August 2019	58	192	250
September 2019	67	160	227
October 2019	43	159	202
November 2019	60	194	254
December 2019	53	206	259
January 2020	60	186	246
February 2020	36	174	210
March 2020	54	164	218
April 2020	53	125	178
May 2020	84	200	284
June 2020	81	221	302
July 2020	65	214	279
August 2020	96	200	296
September 2020	59	162	221

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing 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.