



LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

7 February 2025

FOI Ref 2024/25-102

Request

Your request for information dated 23 January 2025 is copied below.

"If possible, I'd just like to follow up regarding Q8 - How many reports of public abuse against officers have been recorded in the past ten years?"

Thanks for providing the reports, but I would like to ask whether you have any more recent information? Please could I request this:

- How many reports of assault against officers have been recorded between: June 1 2024 - January 1 2025.
- Please provide a breakdown of the types of injuries received during these assaults (laceration, bruise, soft tissue injury, abrasion, sprain, strain etc).
- Please could I also confirm that the May report (<https://www.spa.police.uk/spa-media/z2kbsfj4/item-4-1-q4-end-of-year-health-and-safety-report.pdf>) is referencing May 2023-2024?"

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA). Our response to each of your questions is provided below.

How many reports of assault against officers have been recorded between: June 1 2024 - January 1 2025.

The Authority holds some of the information requested.

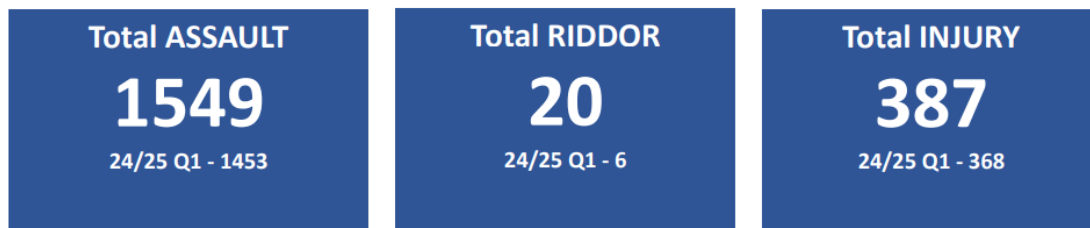
Information reported to the Authority's People Committee in August 2024 shows the breakdown of assault figures for April to June 2024, see page two of the Manager Report at the following link: [Health and Safety 2024/25 Q1 Report](#) (and replicated below).

Breakdown of figures – assault figures



The same report to the People Committee in November 2024 reported information for July to September 2024, see page three of the Manager Report at the following link: [Health and Safety 2024/25 Q2 Report](#) (and replicated below).

Breakdown of figures – assault figures



Information provided at Police Scotland’s Health and Safety Board, which Authority staff attend, reported in August 2024 that the current injury rate for police officers and staff was 25.6%. An update to the November 2024 meeting reported that in July to September 2024/25 this fell by 0.6%.

The Authority does not hold the information requested for October to December 2024.¹ Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

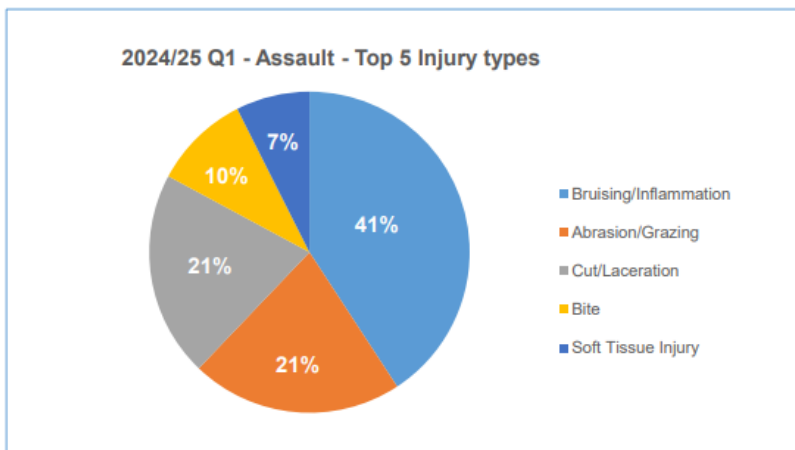
However, we would note that information covering this period will be reported at the scheduled [People Committee on 25 February 2025](#). This meeting will be viewable from our website and papers published three working days prior.

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

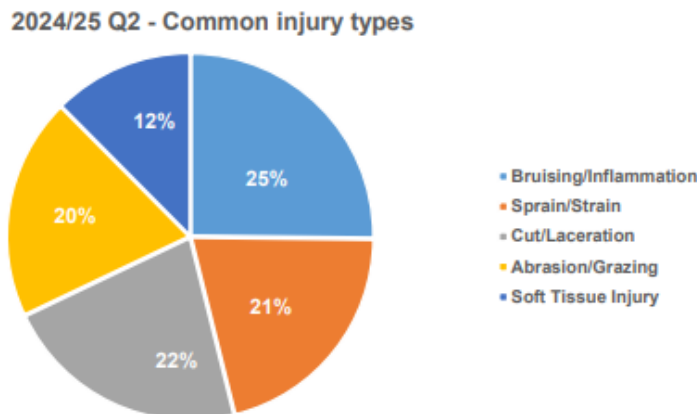
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The Authority holds some of the information requested.

Information held by the Authority and reported at Police Scotland’s Health and Safety Board in August 2024 provided common types of injury received during assaults against officers for April to June 2024. The information is set out below:



Information reported in November 2024 for July to September 2024 is set out below:



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The Authority can confirm that the information in the report referenced above from May 2024 contains information for financial year 2023/24, i.e. from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@foi.scot or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

Scottish Police Authority