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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I write in connection with your request for information, which was received by Nottinghamshire Police on 25/09/2019.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I am taking a closer look at the disturbing rise in the number of assaults on emergency workers and the dangers frontline police officers face in the execution of their everyday duties.

1. Please can you tell me how many of your officers have been assaulted since The Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 came into force on November 13, 2018?

2. Please can you provide examples of the circumstances surrounding some of the most severe assaults and the injuries your officers suffered as a result? Is it the case some have been forced to leave the force, retire early or are on long-term sick leave?

3. Please can you provide a short statement from the chief constable as to whether they believe assaults against officers are on the rise and, if so, an explanation as to why this is the case. Historically, is the most violent things have been?

Answer: -

Number of Police Officer Assaulted with or without injury

Year/Month	HO Group Description		Grand Total
	ASSAULT WITH INJURY ON A CONSTABLE	ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY ON A CONSTABLE	
2018			
11	29	8	37
12	26	39	65
2019			
1	11	20	31
2	10	16	26
3	18	15	33
4	17	25	42
5	23	20	43
6	22	22	44
7	21	21	42
8	15	35	50
9	17	23	40
Grand Total	209	244	453

* Data provided is the number of Crime of Assaults on Police Officer either with/without injury

** Time period for your request of 01/01/2018 - 30/09/2019 conclusive

Please Note:- This data has been extracted from a live system and may be subject to change

Source:- Information Management 31/10/2019

I must advise you that we do not consider Q2 of your request to be valid under Section 8(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act as it is asking for random samples of injury severity and does not describe any specific recorded information which is being requested.

8 Request for information.

(1) In this Act any reference to a “request for information” is a reference to such a request which—

(a) is in writing,

(b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and

(c) **describes the information requested.**

FOI is a legal obligation to disclose recorded information held by an Authority and therefore, in order for your request to be considered as being valid under the Act, you will need to be more specific as to what recorded information you are requesting. You can resubmit your request to us at the following email address:

freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

In relation to Q3 the Act covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and by UK-wide public authorities based in Scotland. Recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings.

The Act only covers recorded information held therefore Nottinghamshire Police are unable to provide an answer to your questions as no information is held.

Should you like further information about what is covered by the Freedom of Information Act advice and guidance can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at the address below.

http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/official_information

Should you wish to refine or re-word your request to request data which would we hold under the Freedom of Information Act we would be happy to conduct searches to retrieve any information held.

Please Note: Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. **It should be noted that for these reasons, this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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permission to reproduce any part of the attached information should be addressed to the Force Solicitor, Nottinghamshire Police, Force Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottinghamshire, NG5 8PP.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115 9670999 Ext 318 0888 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. B.', written in a cursive style.

Electronically signed on behalf of Information Request Team

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

Nottinghamshire Police has a duty to implement a complaints process in relation to Freedom of Information Act requests. If you are not content with our response, you may appeal, this process is known as an 'Internal Review'

Internal reviews are intended to be a fair and impartial means of reviewing the original request process.

You can appeal about your request if you:-

- Disagree with the Forces interpretation of your request;
- Believe the Force hold more information than has been disclosed to you;
- Disagree with the application of exemptions;

How do I appeal?

All appeals should be made in writing and sent to:-

Information Management
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Notts
NG5 8PP

or alternatively freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible please provide the unique identification number provided with your response and the reasons for your appeal.

Once we have received your request for appeal, your FOI response will be reviewed in full to identify any problems in the disclosure.

The review will be undertaken by someone different from, and preferably senior to, the original decision maker and this should be completed within 20 working days from receipt, in exceptional circumstances it may be extended by a further 20 working days.

Your request for review must be received within 28 calendar days your response. If your request for review is not received within this time period a review will not be considered.

What if I'm still not satisfied?

You can appeal to the Information Commissioner. You can contact the Information Commissioner Office at the following:-

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

E-mail: casework@ico.org.uk

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>