| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 23-2173Responded to: xx September 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Could I please make the following FOI request all for a 12 month period, 25/08/22-25/08/23 and specific to Highland and Island division?

## 1. Persons held in police custody and appeared in court after being charged with assaulting a police officer.

To first clarify, I have interpreted this question as referring to a charged person appearing at Court as a Custody the next lawful day. On that basis 71 such persons were charged and put to Court.

## 2. Persons released from police custody without appearing in court after being charged with assaulting a police officer.

To again clarify, I have interpreted this question as referring to a charged person appearing at Court at a later date as a reported Summons Case or a Police Undertaking. On that basis 88 such persons were released for either Summons or Undertaking.

## 3. Police officers assaulted on duty.

## 4. Police officers suffered a serious assault on duty, i.e. permanent disfigurement, broken bones.

For ease of response Q3 and Q4 have been answered together.

Between and including the 25/08/2022 and 25/08/2023, in N Division (Highlands and Islands), there were 376 assaults on police officers and staff, 4 of which were classified as Serious Assaults.

## 5. Police officer hours lost owing to assaults.

Recording is provided in days lost rather than hours, we do not record hours lost. The following relates to *actual* days lost for police officers, which includes working and non-working days.  7 days were lost as a result of an assault in N Division for requested 12 month period.

## 6. Police officer hours lost to sickness absence.

Recording is provided in days lost rather than hours, we do not record hours lost.  For Police officers in N Division (for all absence reasons) between 25/08/2022 – 25/08/2023 there were 9163 WDL (Working days lost).

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 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 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.