| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1434Responded to: 17 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **How many attacks have been recorded against serving police officers in the line of duty in** **2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and if figures are available, in 2024/25? Alternatively I’d be happy with the pre-covid year and the last year figures are available.**

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|  | **2019/20** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** | **2024/25** | **Grand Total** |
| **Sum of Total Reports** | **2,580** | **3,114** | **4,662** | **4,691** | **5,445** | **5,618** | **26,110** |

1. **How many attacks resulted in an officer needing hospital treatment in each of the years?**

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| **Treatment Type** | **2020/21** | **2021/22** | **2022/23** | **2023/24** | **2024/25** | **Grand Total** |
| **Hospital - Received Treatment & Released** | **201** | **218** | **220** | **202** | **231** | **1,072** |
| **Hospitalised**  | **4** | **5** | **1** | **2** | **5** | **17** |
| **Grand Total** | **205** | **223** | **221** | **204** | **236** | **1,089** |

1. **How many officers had to retire on health grounds following such attack in each of the years specified?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, to provide the information requested would require a manual assessment of our records of every officer that retired.

1. **How many officers resigned from the force following such an attack over each 12-month period specified?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, to provide the information requested would require a manual assessment of our records of every officer that resigned from the force.

1. **How many manhours were lost in total for days off following such an attack over each 12-month period specified?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, to provide the information requested would require a manual assessment of periods of absence against the figures provided above.

1. **How much compensation has Police Scotland paid to attacked officers in each of the years specified?**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, to provide the information requested would require a manual assessment of each file to establish how the injury occurred and thereafter manually filter out the officer attacked, this is an exercise that would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.