

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1842
Date: 26 September 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

For the time period 31st March 2021 to 31st March 2022;

1 a) The total number of violent incidents on your police staff

I can confirm that 117 violent incidents against police staff were reported in the specified period.

b) The figure above, broken down by job title/category of worker?

This request for information has now been considered and Police Scotland does not hold the information in the format requested.

By way of explanation, there is no requirement to detail the job title / category of police staff in relation to this type of incident recording - therefore Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, information not held, applies.

2. A breakdown of the nature of the violent incident e.g., verbal, physical, threatening behaviour

The requested information is provided in the table below:

Nature of Incident	Count
Kicking	24
Spit	23
Punch	13
Bite Human	10
Object Thrown	10
Head Butt	7
Push	6
Pending Fingers / Wrist	4
Scratch / Nip	4
Verbal Assault	3
Other	3

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Struggle	2
Fall	2
Self-harm Intervention	2
Hot Liquid	2
Elbowed	1
Sexual Assault	1
Total	117

3. a) How many violent incidents have been reported under RIDDOR Regulations

In total, two reported incidents have been submitted to RIDDOR, of which one was an over-seven-day incapacitation.

b) With a breakdown by job title/category of worker

See 1b) above for explanation

If you require further assistance or are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.