



## Freedom of Information Request 1318/18

**Response Date:**

**Could you please send me:**

- **The number of assaults on officers recorded during the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18, broken down by:**
  - o **whether the officer was injured**
- **How many working days were lost to officers on sick leave as a direct result of assaults**
- **How many officers have been placed on restricted duty as a result of injuries sustained during an assault**

### RESPONSE

South Wales Police takes assaults on police and staff very seriously. Policing is by its very nature is a profession involving risks and Police Officers are called upon to deal with aggressive and violent individuals as part of their daily duties to protect the communities they serve. Officers receive officer safety training which is refreshed regularly and are equipped with personal protection equipment to protect themselves and others from violent assailants. Each assault is recorded and a health and safety review conducted where an injury has been sustained to learn any lessons both for the organisation and individual officer.

We have consulted with our Occupational Health Safety and Wellbeing Team and performance analysts who have provided the information to answer your request.

#### Question 1

Please be advised that the data for 2014/15 has been taken from benchmarking data and we are only able to confirm the number of assaults that took place for this period; we do not have any other available data.

The table entitled 'Research Data 1318\_18' provides data extracted from our Fully Integrated Resource Management System (FIRMS). The report does not return information regarding fatality, major injury, minor injury and no visible injury. We can only assume that an injury was sustained if the assault resulted in either treatment being required and/or the Police Officer taking sick leave for more than 7 days.

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Question 2

WORKING DAYS LOST (WITHIN DATE RANGE)				
Officer working days lost	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	248	252	422	314

Question 3

Injuries sustained during an assault are not recorded on restricted duty records.

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