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Your Ref: FOI

Our Ref: FOI 2021/557

Reply contact name is: Kay Moore

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th June 2021 concerning assaults against Police Officers.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted the Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

- 1.) Please could you let me know how many crime reports of an assault of a police personnel (public-facing police of any rank, including PCSOs) you have recorded between 23/3/21 and 23/6/21, and for the same three month period last year (only if you did not provide it in last year's request)? If possible, please include the date of each assault and any detail recorded about it.
- 2.) Please provide the recorded crime outcomes for the crime reports found in question 1.
- 3.) Please separately provide the number of arrests for an assault of a police personnel, within the time periods stated above.
- 4.) Please provide the manner of the assaults found above.

Our response:

- 1.) 23/03/21 – 23/06/21 = **133**
23/03/20 – 23/06/20 = **121**



2.) Outcomes for 23/03/21 – 23/06/21:

Outcomes	Count of Outcome
1: Charged	36
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	3
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	12
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	9
1A: Alternate offence charged	29
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	3
3: Adult caution	1
New	37
Grand Total	133

Outcomes for 23/03/20 – 23/06/20:

Outcomes	Count of Outcome
1: Charged	56
1: Summoned/postal requisition	7
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	1
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	9
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	10
1A: Alternate offence charged	23
1A: Alternate offence summoned/postal requisition	6
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	2
3: Adult caution	1
8: Community resolution	1
New	4
Grand Total	121

3.) Number of arrests between 23/03/21 – 23/06/21 = **86**.

Number of arrests between 23/03/20 – 23/06/20 = **76**.

Please note, that the number of arrests does not necessarily correlate to the number of individuals that have been arrested. This is because an individual can be arrested for more than one offence and not only this, but what an individual is arrested for is not necessarily what they will be charged for.

4.) Home Office description of assaults taken place on Police personnel between 23/03/21 – 23/06/21:

HO Description	Count of HO Description
008/06 Assault constable - ABH	45
008/06 Assault emergency worker - ABH	18
008/73 Assault or assault by beating of a constable (Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 Sec 1)	68
008/73 Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	2
Grand Total	133

Home Office description of assaults taken place on Police personnel between 23/03/20 – 23/06/20:

HO Description	Count of HO Description
005/01 Assault constable - wounding with intent to do GBH (sec 18)	4
005/01 Assault constable - wounding with intent to resist/prevent arrest (sec 18)	2
008/06 Assault constable - ABH	25
008/06 Assault emergency worker - ABH	14
008/73 Assault or assault by beating of a constable (Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 Sec 1)	73
008/73 Assault or assault by beating of an emergency worker (except a constable)	3
Grand Total	121

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Moore
Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should

contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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