

3 December 2018

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20182042**

**REQUEST**

(I) Can you tell me on how many occasions officers from South Yorkshire Police have been injured in the line of duty - in the last three years - dating back from October 8, 2018?

(II) Furthermore, can you please provide, in each case where officers have been injured:

- a) The rank of the officer who has been injured
- b) The alleged offence(s) each officer was called out to (E.g. assault, affray, etc.)
- c) Details of the specific injuries suffered (E.g. bone fractures, gunshot wounds, etc)
- d) How much time has been taken off work due to the injuries per each incident
- e) Details of how many arrests have been made following injuries sustained by police officers per each offence (eg. assault, attempted murder, etc.)
- f) Details of how many convictions there have been following injuries sustained by police officers per each offence (eg. assault, attempted murder, etc.)

Finally:

(III) Can you also supply a list of measures taken in the last three years to improve the safety of police officers while on duty?

**RESPONSE**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

**Section 12(2) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit**

Details in relation to part 1 of your request are recorded on our Human Resources systems held in relation to officers. However, part 2 of your request is wide and detailed and in order to extract details of the offence associated with an officer's injury it would be necessary to cross reference the details submitted by the officer against our crime management and custody handling systems to ascertain the offence and then the outcome. Due to the number of injuries sustained, this cross referencing exercise would be a lengthy manual task for each injury and would far exceed the 18 hour cost threshold for this element alone.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the cost limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours. .

If you feel your endeavours can be achieved within the appropriate limit by refining your request, South Yorkshire Police would be more than happy to consider any further request.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

[https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs\\_of\\_compliance\\_exceeds\\_appropriate\\_limit.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf)

**Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied some information relating to your request as a gesture of goodwill. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request neither does it bind South Yorkshire Police to any commitment that it will release information in such a manner in the future.**

Attached is a table of Officer Recordable Injuries following Assault.