

Date: Tue 13 June 2017 **Reference Number:** 20170875 **FOI Category:** Police Resources - Staff / Officers

Title: Officer - injuries and details

Request Date: Tuesday, 9 May, 2017

Response Date: Tuesday, 13 June, 2017

Request Details:

Hi, Could you please tell me for the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date: The total number of injuries to on-duty police officers recorded across South Yorkshire each year, broken down by local authority area and by cause of injury The number of these injuries classed as serious or life-changing Could you please give further details of any injuries sustained on duty in the last year which resulted in the officer taking more than five days' sickness absence. In each case, could you kindly provide the date, location, nature of injury and how it was sustained

Exemptions Applied:

None

SYP Response:

CLARIFICATION

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

I contacted our HR department for assistance with your request, they have researched and requested clarification as they cannot answer your question in their current format.

• **The total number of injuries to on-duty police officers recorded across South Yorkshire each year, broken down by local authority area and by cause of injury**

This can be done for Local Policing Team etc that are assigned to specific Districts but a number of our departments are not divided that way for example Joint Specialist Op's Unit serve the county not a specific district.

Please advise how we should proceed, would a break down by injury be sufficient?

• **The number of these injuries classed as serious or life-changing**

I cannot identify life changing – the report shows specific levels of injury to comply with HSE but this does not show long term outcomes

• **Could you please give further details of any injuries sustained on duty in the last year which resulted in the officer taking more than five days' sickness absence.**

The report is not linked to sickness report and so cannot identify time off after an injury with accessing every record individually.

To access each record individually to retrieve and extract the pertinent information may well lead us to exceed the 18hr limit allowed with the FOI Act.

Can you please clarify how you would wish us to proceed, taking into account the points raised by HR.

CLARIFICATION

Thanks for your request for clarification.

Regarding point 1, could you please break down the information just by cause of injury - I was hoping to get a location of where the injury was sustained but if this is not possible or would exceed the time limit, don't worry

Re point 2, could you break down the data according to the specific levels required by the HSE, and include a table explaining what those levels mean

Re point 3, since this would exceed the cost threshold I am happy for you to respond without this further information.

RESPONSE

I contacted our HR shared services department at South Yorkshire Police for assistance with your request. They provided me with the raw data from which the attached spreadsheet are attached.

They have explained:
I have run the reports from our system:

The categories are:
Non reportable
Over 7 days
Fatal injury
Specified injury

2013

Injury Class	HSE Reported			Grand Total
	7 Day Over	Major Injury	Non reportable	
Accidental			35	35
Assault			44	44
Blood Contamination			4	4
Defective/Use			16	16
Fall from Height	1		5	6
Firearms Training			1	1
Forced Entry			2	2
Handling, Lifting, Carrying			17	17
Hit (Moving)			1	1
Hit by Moving Vehicle	2		21	23
Hit by Moving/Falling/Fixed Object			10	10
Injured by Animal	1		13	14
Lifting/Handling	1	1	26	28
Other Kind of Accident			1	1
Pursuit Of Offender	2		19	21
Slip, Trip, Fall on same level	1		1	2

Slip/Trip/Fall	1		35	36
Sports	1		2	3
Training Exercise	1		17	18
Violent Arrest/Struggle	1		84	85
Grand Total	12	1	354	367

2014

Injury Class	HSE Reported				Grand Total
	7 Day Over	Non reportable	Specified injury	(blank)	
Accidental		6			6
Animals		11			11
Assault	2	50	1		53
Blood Contamination		3			3
Contact with Electricity	1	2			3
Contact with Hot Liquids		3			3
Defective/Use		4			4
Defective/Use of Equipment		7			7
Exposure to Hazardous Substance		2			2
Fall from Height		3			3
Firearms Training		2			2
Forced Entry		2			2
Handling, Lifting, Carrying		11			11
Hit by Moving Vehicle	1	20			21
Hit by Moving/Falling/Fixed Object		17			17
Incapacitant Spray		1			1
Injured by Animal	1	4			5
Method of Entry Training		1			1
Other Kind of Accident		4			4
Personal Safety Training		5			5
Public Order Training		1			1
Pursuit Of Offender	1	14			15
Slip, Trip, Fall on same level		17			17
Slip, Trip, Fall on stairs		5			5
Slip/Trip/Fall		4			4
Sports		1			1
Training Exercise		3			3
Violent Arrest/Struggle	1	117			118
(Blank)				3	3
Grand Total	7	320	1	3	331

2015

Injury Class	HSE Reported			Grand Total
	7 Day Over	Non reportable	Specified injury	

Animals	1	12		13
Assault	2	62	1	65
Blood Contamination		1		1
Contact with Hot Liquids		4		4
Defective/Use of Equipment		8		8
Exposure to Hazardous Substance		2		2
Exposure to Heat, Fire or Explosion		1		1
Fall from Height	1	4		5
Firearms Training		3	1	4
Fitness Test		2		2
Forced Entry		9		9
Handling, Lifting, Carrying		8		8
Hit by Moving Vehicle		24		24
Hit by Moving/Falling/Fixed Object	1	17	1	19
Method of Entry Training		4		4
Other Kind of Accident		15		15
Personal Safety Training		6		6
Public Order Training		7		7
Pursuit Of Offender	1	28		29
Slip, Trip, Fall on same level		18	1	19
Slip, Trip, Fall on stairs	1	11		12
Sports		2		2
Violent Arrest/Struggle	3	110	2	115
Grand Total	10	358	6	374

2016

Injury Class	HSE Reported				Grand Total
	7 Day Over	Non reportable	Specified injury	(blank)	
Animals		13			13
Assault	3	100	1		104
Blood Contamination		2			2
Contact with Hot Liquids		2			2
Defective/Use of Equipment		7			7
Exposure to Heat, Fire or Explosion		1			1
Fall from Height	1	2			3
Firearms Training		1			1
Fitness Test		2			2
Forced Entry	1	4			5
Handling, Lifting, Carrying		12			12
Hit by Moving Vehicle		35			35
Hit by Moving/Falling/Fixed Object	1	20	1	1	23
Incapacitant Spray		1			1
Method of Entry Training		2			2
Other Kind of Accident	1	20			21
Personal Safety Training		3			3

Public Order Training		5			5
Pursuit Of Offender		19			19
Slip, Trip, Fall on same level	1	23	1		25
Slip, Trip, Fall on stairs		5	1		6
Violent Arrest/Struggle	3	149			152
(blank)				1	1
Grand Total	11	428	4	2	445

2017

Injury Class	HSE Reported				Grand Total
	7 Day Over	Non reportable	Specified injury	(blank)	
Animals		9		1	10
Assault	4	15	1		20
Blood Contamination		2			2
Defective/Use of Equipment		1			1
Exposure to Heat, Fire or Explosion		3			3
Fall from Height		3			3
Forced Entry		3			3
Handling, Lifting, Carrying	1	4			5
Hit by Moving Vehicle		9			9
Hit by Moving/Falling/Fixed Object		7			7
Incapacitant Spray		1			1
Other Kind of Accident		6			6
Personal Safety Training		2		1	3
Public Order Training		7			7
Pursuit Of Offender	1	8		1	10
Slip, Trip, Fall on same level		13			13
Slip, Trip, Fall on stairs		7			7
Violent Arrest/Struggle		52			52
Grand Total	6	152	1	3	162