

Officer and Staff Assault Gold Group 27/04/2017

Update for March 2017

Key points:

- 132 assaults reported in total (recorded crime, H&S IOD report or both)
 - 117 were recorded as a crime
 - 35 involved injury
 - 97 involved no injury
 - In total 57 IOD assault reports were submitted
- There is still an under reporting of IOD compared with the number of crimes recorded
 - 75 of the 117 crimes recorded (64%) had no associated IOD assault report
 - 12 IOD assault reports involving injury had no crime recorded
- 36 of the 132 reports (27%) involved the offender resisting arrest
- 23 of the 132 reports (17%) occurred when the offender had been arrested, either in a public place or in a police vehicle
- 20 of the 132 reports (15%) involved spitting
- 7 of the assaults involved members of staff, all of which were detention officers

6 month comparison

The number of assaults have been relatively stable over the last 6 months, with March seeing the highest number of reports.

Although there is still an under reporting of IOD assaults compared with the number of crimes recorded, the compliance has improved marginally since October and November, however only around one in three assaults have both a crime recorded and an IOD report submitted. It is accepted that a small number of IOD assault reports may not justify a crime being recorded.

Month	Injury	No injury	Total	Compliance
Oct 2016	22	100	122	23.0%
Nov 2016	11	105	116	27.6%
Dec 2016	29	94	123	38.2%
Jan 2017	27	92	119	30.3%
Feb 2017	27	89	116	37.1%
Mar 2017	35	97	132	31.8%

There are consistently low numbers of staff reporting assaults, with just 26 during the last 6 months, representing 4% of all assaults. There may still be an under reporting of both crimes and IOD assaults in this area.

Outcomes

During the last 6 months there were a total of 637 crimes recorded. Of these nearly two thirds resulted in a charge/summons and a further 4.7% resulted in a caution. 12.9% are currently ongoing, over half of which were recorded in February/March.

Outcome	Total	% Total
0. Ongoing	82	12.9%
1. Charge/Summons	417	65.5%
2. Youth Caution	7	1.1%
3. Adult Caution	23	3.6%
8. Community Resolution	19	3.0%
10. Action not in public interest (Police)	4	0.6%
11. Prosecution prevented: Suspect too young	1	0.2%
12. Prosecution prevented: Suspect too ill	10	1.6%
15. Evidential difficulties: Suspect ID	45	7.1%
16. Evidential difficulties: Suspect ID (Victim based)	9	1.4%
18. Investigation complete: No suspect ID	9	1.4%
20. Action undertaken by another body/agency	3	0.5%
21. Further investigation not in public interest	8	1.3%
Total	637	-

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Assaults on officers / staff on duty, 01/03/2017-31/03/2017

Reporting method	All Employees			Officer / PCSO			Staff			Not Stated		
	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total
Crime recorded and H&S assault report submitted	11	31	42	11	29	40	-	2	2	-	-	-
Crime recorded, no H&S assault report submitted	12	63	75	12	59	71	-	4	4	-	-	-
H&S report submitted, no crime recorded	12	3	15	12	2	14	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total assaults recorded / reported	35	97	132	35	90	125	-	7	7	-	-	-

Circumstances	All Employees			Officer / PCSO			Staff			Not Stated		
	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total
Offender arrested in public place	4	12	16	4	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offender arrested in vehicle	1	6	7	1	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offender detained by PCSO	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offender in custody suite	1	22	23	1	15	16	-	7	7	-	-	-
Offender resisting arrest	15	21	36	15	21	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officer assisting with patient	-	4	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officer dealing with incident	11	29	40	11	29	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Officer in school	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Third party interference	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Assault type	All Employees			Officer / PCSO			Staff			Not Stated		
	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total	Injury	No injury	Total
Bite	7	10	17	7	9	16	-	1	1	-	-	-
Grab / squeeze / scratch	2	11	13	2	11	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Head butting	1	5	6	1	4	5	-	1	1	-	-	-
Hit / punch	7	18	25	7	17	24	-	1	1	-	-	-
Hit with / collision with vehicle	2	2	4	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kick	9	34	43	9	33	42	-	1	1	-	-	-
Knife / sharp object	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other weapon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Push / bodily force	5	12	17	5	12	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spit	1	19	20	1	15	16	-	4	4	-	-	-
Throw object / liquid	-	5	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	2	5	7	2	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	6	5	11	6	5	11	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes

Recorded crime figures based on crimes committed during the period (earliest date committed)

- Notifiable offences only (i.e. excludes "104/33 Obstruct / resist a constable in execution of duty")

H&S assault reports based on incidents occurring during the period and recorded as 'Assault'

Additional crimes and H&S reports may be added at a later date

Injury based on offence classification (violence with injury / violence without injury) or H&S report where no crime recorded

Assault type includes attempts

- One incident may involve multiple assault types