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**Request:**

1. How many members of operational staff have been assaulted by members of the public while attending an incident in the past five years (2019 to 2024)?

Please break the results down by:

1a) Month (e.g. January 2019, February 2019, etc).

1b) Location

2. On how many occasions has one of those assaulted required short or long-term leave because of an incident? Please note that one person having two separate leaves of absence would count as two cases.

2a. How many days off have been taken as a result?

2b. How many occurrences led to the staff member being hospitalised?

Please again break this down by month and location.

**Response:**

Please see our response to each of your queries in turn below:

1. How many members of operational staff have been assaulted by members of the public while attending an incident in the past five years (2019 to 2024)?

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Please break the results down by:

1a) Month (e.g. January 2019, February 2019, etc).

Month	Year						Total
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
January	3	8	0	0	0	1	12
February	2	1	1	0	0	2	6
March	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
April	3	1	4	1	2	0	11
May	3	4	1	0	1	0	9
June	4	0	0	0	3	1	8
July	5	6	0	0	0	0	11
August	2	8	0	0	5	0	15
September	3	3	3	0	0	0	9
October	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
November	-	3	5	4	1	0	13
December	-	1	1	1	1	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>104</b>

1b) Location

Borough	Total
Barking and Dagenham	2
Barnet	3
Bexley	2
Brent	4
Camden	11
Croydon	11
Enfield	3
Hackney	12
Hammersmith And Fulham	4
Haringey	3
Harrow	2
Hillingdon	2
Hounslow	3
Islington	6
Kensington and Chelsea	2
Kingston Upon Thames	1
Lambeth	2
Lewisham	2
Newham	1
Southwark	8
Sutton	2
Tower Hamlets	6
Waltham Forest	2
Wandsworth	3
Westminster	2
NOT RECORDED	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

2. On how many occasions has one of those assaulted required short or long-term leave because of an incident? Please note that one person having two separate leaves of absence would count as two cases.

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2a. How many days off have been taken as a result? Please again break this down by month and location.

The tables below show the number of lost work days for these eight incidents, broken down by year and location. Providing a further breakdown of the small numbers (eight individuals in total) could lead to them being identified. Therefore I consider a further breakdown of the month exempt from disclosure under the FOIA via [Section 40 – Personal Information](#).

Year	Total
2024	4
2023	264
2022	20
2022	22
2021	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>

Borough	Total
Barnet	259
Camden	27
Croydon	9
Southwark	11
Tower Hamlets	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>

2b. How many occurrences led to the staff member being hospitalised? Please again break this down by month and location.

Two members of staff have been hospitalised following an assault. Providing a further breakdown of the small numbers could lead to individuals being identified. Therefore I consider a further breakdown of the two

hospitalisation occurrences exempt from disclosure under the FOIA via [Section 40 – Personal Information](#).

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).