



Heddlu Police

**DYFED-POWYS**

**FOI Reference: 1040/2019**

**Request:**

In November 2018 a law was passed - the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018. This makes assaults against emergency workers (such as NHS workers, police, prison guards and fire personnel) more serious and gives courts power to double prison sentences of anyone convicted of such an offence to a maximum of 12 months.

Please note, I am interested **ONLY** in data relating to **emergency NHS staff under** Office Code 873 - ASSAULT OR ASSAULT BY BEATING ON AN EMERGENCY WORKER (EXCEPT A CONSTABLE).

Q1. How many arrests were made under the act?

Q2. How many charges have been made under the act?

Q3. If possible, please break down the assault victims into the type of NHS staff. For example, nurses, doctors, paramedics, etc.

**Please only provide data between November 2018 and August 2019.**

Example of data of offences against emergency NHS staff

Offenders Since Nov '18

Arrests: 43

Charges: 8

Victims =

- 23 - nursing staff
- 10 - paramedics
- 5 - doctors
- 5- healthcare assistants

**Response 1:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- There were a total of three (3) individuals arrested in relation to your request during the period of November 2018 and August 2019.

**Response 2:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

- There were a total of two (2) individuals charged in relation to your request during the period of November 2018 and August 2019.

Please note: The above figures relate only to those individuals charged and do not include individuals that have been summoned to court.

**Response 3:**

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information requested, the details of which are as follows:

Victims:

2 x Paramedic  
1 x Nurse

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**It should be noted that owing to the systems adopted by Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the recording of such matters the information provided may or may not be accurate.**

**Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this Force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 20/01/20)