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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20191880**

**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.

Questions:

Please note, I am interested ONLY in data relating to emergency NHS staff:

1. How many people have been arrested under the law detailed above by your police force, since November 2018?
2. If possible, please break the assault victims down into type of NHS staff. Eg: nurse, paramedic, doctor etc.

This should be a search based on Home Office Code 873.

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Crime Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The Crime Management system - CONNECT is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the system and provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

*I have provided a count of offences recorded on CONNECT Crime under HO Classification code 008/73, broken down by the victims occupation level 2. I have only included offences where the Occupation Level 1 recorded is related to Medical/Emergency or Not known. I have also provided a breakdown by the outcome of the offence recorded.*

*Between 01-NOV-2018 and 31-AUG-2019.*