Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/26/4250
We received your request on the 05/06/2026

Request

You asked us:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information relating to assaults committed against rail industry staff and contractors recorded by British Transport Police.
Please provide data for each of the last three complete financial years available.
For each year, please provide:

1. **The total number of reported assaults against rail industry staff and contractors.**
2. **The total number of those reported assaults that resulted in:**
    - **A suspect being identified;**
    - **A suspect being charged or summonsed;**
    - **A prosecution being commenced;**
    - **A conviction being secured.**
3. **For each year, please provide the percentage of reported assaults that:**
    - **Resulted in a charge or summons;**
    - **Resulted in a prosecution;**
    - **Resulted in a conviction.**
4. **Please provide the above data broken down by:**
    - **British Transport Police division/region (or nearest equivalent geographic area used for reporting purposes);**
    - **Rail operating company, train operating company, station operator, or other rail industry employer category recorded by BTP.**
5. **Where available, please provide a table showing for each rail company:**
    - **Number of reported assaults;**
    - **Number leading to charge/summons;**
    - **Number leading to prosecution;**
    - **Number leading to conviction;**
    - **Percentage leading to prosecution;**
    - **Percentage leading to conviction.**
6. **Where prosecution or conviction outcomes are not held by British Transport Police, please provide:**
    - **Any outcome data that is held;**
    - **The number of cases referred to the Crown Prosecution Service;**
    - **Details of any datasets or organisations that hold the prosecution and conviction information.**

If any part of this request exceeds the cost limit, please provide the information that can be supplied within the limit and advise how the request could be refined.
I would prefer the information in spreadsheet format (Excel or CSV).

CLARIFICATION

I would like the request to cover all recorded assaults against members of staff employed by railway operators and rail industry contractors, including but not limited to:

- **Physical assaults;**
- **Sexual assaults;**
- **Common assault;**
- **Assault occasioning actual bodily harm (ABH);**
- **Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm (GBH);**
- **Battery;**
- **Sexual touching and other sexual offences involving staff victims;**
- **Any other assault or violence-against-the-person offences recorded by British Transport Police where the victim is identified as a rail industry employee or contractor.**

For the avoidance of doubt, I am seeking data on all reported assaults and sexual assaults committed against rail staff, together with the associated investigation and criminal justice outcomes outlined in my original request.

If this definition presents any difficulties in extracting the data, I would be grateful if you could provide the closest available category or categories used by British Transport Police for recording assaults against rail staff.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Please find attached a spreadsheet.

Please note:

- The data was taken from the Force records management system, Niche.
- The data shows BTP 01A Violence, 02A Sex and 09A Public Order (Serious) notifiable crimes that were recorded from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2026 and where the victim was recorded as on duty railstaff (staffon).
- A victim should be marked as staffon if they are i) directly employed by a rail industry body or ii) indirectly employed by a rail industry body (ie a private security guard contracted to a rail industry body) in a public facing role.
- Not all crimes have a Person Victim as some crimes are committed against the state.
- Outcomes are not applied instantly. Some results in the data set are recent crimes that are under investigation - these will not have an Outcome applied, instead they will be labelled ‘new’.
- Outcomes 1 to 22 apply to England and Wales - Outcomes DET1 to DET10 apply to Scotland.
- British Transport Police operates in England, Wales and Scotland. The Crown Prosecution Service operates in England & Wales only.
- This data provides the number of crimes recorded from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2026, that had an Outcome applied by 11/06/2026
- British Transport Police does not hold conviction data, or information on cases referred to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), in a searchable format within its records management system, Niche. The system does not contain a searchable field or flag that would enable conviction data or CPS referrals to be readily identified and extracted.

- Information indicating whether a case was referred to the CPS may be recorded within the outcome of an individual case and may, in some instances, be inferred from the Outcome column of the spreadsheet.
- However, conviction data cannot be identified in this way. To determine whether a conviction is associated with a particular offence record, each individual crime record would need to be manually reviewed. Conducting such a review would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- British Transport Police does not hold conviction data in Scotland.