Table 1. Prisoner on Staff assaults

Prison/Place of Detention	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Arbour Hill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	7	5	9	11	1	13	12	12	4
Cloverhill	9	12	20	8	21	8	11	19	4
Cork	7	8	13	7	3	9	15	12	4
Dóchas Centre	3	7	8	5	26	14	8	23	12
Limerick	10	5	3	2	4	8	8	14	8
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	10	7	13	17	7	15	13	10	13
Mountjoy (Male)	19	34	30	22	12	18	24	20	17
St.Patrick's Inst.	36	49	20	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portlaoise	0	3	2	6	5	3	4	0	1
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wheatfield	6	10	26	10	12	10	5	10	5
PSEC	0	7	6	3	5	6	9	3	2
OSG	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Total	**107**	**147**	**151**	**91**	**98**	**104**	**110**	**123**	**70**

Any act of violence against a prison officer is unacceptable. Any criminal act carried out within our prisons, including an assault on a staff member, should be reported to An Gardaí Síochána for investigation and prosecution. It is also vitally important that staff who are subject to an assault or who witness incidents in our prisons are given the necessary support afterwards.

Section 19 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994 specifically provides for assaults or threats to peace officers including prison officers acting in the execution of their duty. Any person who assaults or threatens to assault a peace officer in the execution of their duty is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months or both or on convictions on indictment to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or both. In addition, the Act allows for judges to impose such sentences consecutively on persons found guilty of such offences.

Staff Supports; All staff have access to the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), with 3 full-time national Employee Assistance Officers. The EAP is supported at local prison level, by a network of almost fifty voluntary Staff Support Officers. This support network provides a confidential service offering information, advice and onward referrals on a wide range of personal and work-related issues. The Employee Assistance Programme plays a key role in supporting staff, particularly those who have been injured on duty.

The provision of an Independent Counselling Service for staff, which is provided by Inspire Workplaces, has been an important addition to the supports available to staff.

This free Counselling Service is completely confidential and is designed to assist employees in resolving personal or work-related concerns. It is a Freephone helpline available 24 hour hours per day, with access to up to 6 counselling sessions for support covering a wide range of issues. The feedback from staff regarding this service is very positive.

Restraint Interventions

Prison/Place of Detention	2017	2018	2019	2020
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	4	11	10	8
Cloverhill	15	17	21	1
Cork	11	12	13	4
Dóchas Centre	0	11	2	11
Limerick	10	17	18	4
Loughan House	0	0	0	0
Midlands	7	12	21	10
Mountjoy (Male)	15	21	26	4
Portlaoise	2	2	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	12	23	19	7
PSEC	15	11	8	2
OSG	0	0	0	0
Total	**91**	**137**	**138**	**56**

Restraint Interventions are instances where an Officer may have received an injury during the course of their duties i.e. restraining a non-compliant prisoner.

There were 120 applications for OID in 2020.

- 120 were granted

Total OID days: **6,262** (average Occupational Injury on Duty (OID) absence duration in 2020 was **52** days)**Occupational Injury Scheme**

Year	Number of OID Absence Days	Number of OID Instances
2015	4,175	123
2016	3,552	112
2017	4,712	117
2018	3,578	113
2019	6,647	180
2020	6,262	120

Table2. Prisoner on Prisoner assaults

Prison/Place of Detention	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Arbour Hill	4	7	6	5	0	0	1	2	0
Castlerea*	73	103	119	117	139	79	76	85	44
Cloverhill	97	76	90	88	82	42	54	86	26
Cork	43	30	51	27	33	44	42	61	64
Dóchas Centre	25	21	16	47	30	33	28	39	0
Limerick	45	31	37	24	5	18	28	32	17
Loughan House	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Midlands	68	88	77	47	50	45	44	23	29
Mountjoy (Male)	92	107	96	176	156	113	110	103	26
St.Patrick's Inst.	156	57	9	2	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portlaoise	12	5	11	2	15	14	0	1	4
Shelton Abbey	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Training Unit	0	0	1	0	0	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wheatfield	98	77	74	47	55	24	20	10	28
PSEC	0	2	2	4	7	3	12	9	1
Total	**715**	**604**	**589**	**587**	**572**	**417**	**418**	**452**	**250**