

Appendix Two – summaries of serious assaults on prison staff between 2015/16 and 2020/21.

Region	Year	Summary of incident
Lower North	2015/16	Officer punched several times in the head, requiring eight stitches and numerous cuts and bruises
Central	2015/16	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Lower North	2015/16	Prisoner assaulted three officers. The three staff were sent to A&E to have their injuries checked out and treated.
Lower North	2015/16	Struck officer with fist that caused the officer to lose consciousness. Officer was given time off from work to recover.
Southern	2015/16	Prisoner assaulted officer with elbow on the officers jaw and upper neck area. Officer sustained fractured jaw and was given time off work
Northern	2015/16	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Lower North	2015/16	After verbally abusing the officer, the perpetrator slammed his unit's door, as he is being ushered to his room. He shut the door on the officer's left hand.
Northern	2015/16	Officer was attacked with a metal broom handle and was strangled
Lower North	2015/16	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Northern	2015/16	Perpetrator punched officer on the face.
Northern	2015/16	Officer was punched on the right side of his face and kicked on the left side of his body.
Lower North	2015/16	Officer sustained a fractured jaw as a result of the assault.
Central	2015/16	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Lower North	2015/16	Officer received a number of punches on their nose and left eye. Officer also lost consciousness and fell to the ground during the attack.
Lower North	2015/16	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Lower North	2016/17	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Northern	2016/17	Officer received punches on their head. Officer was taken to hospital for their injuries.
Lower North	2016/17	Officer received heavy blows on the head from the perpetrator
Northern	2016/17	Five staff were assaulted. Attacked with a shank
Southern	2016/17	Four staff received multiple injuries including laceration, bruising, cuts, damaged teeth and grazing.
Southern	2016/17	Two staff received heavy blows (punches on the head), was seen by medical and sent to hospital A&E for further assessment and treatment.
Lower North	2016/17	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Northern	2016/17	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Lower North	2016/17	Two staff both received serious injuries, one was found unconscious and the other had blood coming from his nose and face.
Northern	2016/17	Officer was injured when they tried to stop the offender from escaping. Officer was placed on ACC and unable to go back to work.
Central	2016/17	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid

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Northern	2016/17	Officer left with blood flowing from head
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Lower North	2017/18	Officer did not sustain serious injuries but was off work and being monitored.
Northern	2017/18	Three victims. One officer sustained a broken nose, one with swelling around eye socket and the other headache after receiving heavy blows on the head.
Southern	2017/18	Officer reported that they sustained a serious bite on their left hand that required treatment. Officer also sustained a knee injury
Lower North	2017/18	Prisoner punched officer in the face. Officer fell on the ground, hit the ground. Officer was rendered unconscious as a result of the assault.
Central	2017/18	Victim sustained a broken nose as a result of the assault and was off work for two weeks.
Northern	2017/18	Officer's injuries were seen by Medical. Officer was also given some time off from work.
Northern	2017/18	As a result of the assault, Officer received treatment externally and is now requiring physio treatment.
Northern	2017/18	Two officers assaulted sustained injuries that were considered serious. One officer sustained a broken jaw and the other had swelling on the back of their left ear.
Northern	2017/18	Officer was kicked on their right jaw and sustained injury on their left knee.
Central	2018/19	Officer sustained a serious wrist injury as a result of the assault.
Lower North	2018/19	Staff injury assessed as serious. Reported injuries are dislocated nose, several fractures under right eye and left serious injury to ear.
	2018/19	Officer was hit on the head with an object spat at and punched on the side of the face resulting to a bruise that required stitches.
Central	2018/19	Officer sustained a concussion and had time off work
Lower North	2018/19	Officer sustained a deep cut to their upper lip and had been knocked unconscious for a short period of time and left site via ambulance
Northern	2018/19	Officer sustained a fractured shoulder blade .
Central	2018/19	Officer suffered a concussion, bruising and swollen jaw
Northern	2018/19	Officer was hit on the face, their nose bled.
Northern	2018/19	Three officers sustained serious facial injuries
Northern	2018/19	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Southern	2018/19	Officer was punched on the mouth, drawing blood. Taken to hospital for treatment.
Lower North	2018/19	Received three lacerations on the head plus has serious ear injury and bruises and cuts on their head and face.
Northern	2018/19	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Southern	2018/19	Two officers assaulted by throwing punches to their body
Central	2018/19	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Lower North	2018/19	Punches thrown at Officer - was off work as a result of the incident. Officer's fracture may require surgery.
Central	2018/19	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid

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Southern	2018/19	Officer was struck in the face with a closed fist, was taken to Hospital Accident and Emergency Department.
Lower North	2018/19	Officer sustained bruising and swelling on their forehead, injured fingers on their right hand.
Southern	2018/19	Officer was stabbed twice in the face with a modified weapon.
Southern	2018/19	Assaulted staff by kicking and shoulder charging when placed in the holding cell
Lower North	2018/19	Officer was injured in the assault. Officer was struck a number of times and was on ACC leave
Northern	2018/19	Two officers received punches to the head
Lower North	2018/19	Officer was off work as a result of the incident.
Southern	2018/19	Officer sustained a fracture to a bone in his wrist. Officer required ongoing medical care.
Central	2019/20	Became assaultive hitting an officer in the face
Northern	2019/20	Officer sustained a cut near their eye.
Northern	2019/20	Two officers received punches to the head
Northern	2019/20	Offender kicked officer knocking them to the floor. The officer also received a strike to the face.
Northern	2019/20	Prisoner assaults officer
Northern	2019/20	Medical staff member and officer assaulted
Southern	2019/20	Three officers received heavy blows on their face, head and chest.
Northern	2019/20	Officer was punched on their face with a closed fist and kicked by the perpetrator
Southern	2019/20	Officer was knocked unconscious Suffered bleeding from the mouth and head.
Lower North	2019/20	Officer assaulted in the facial area
Southern	2019/20	Officer kicked and punched.
Lower North	2019/20	Officer assaulted by kicking and punching.
Northern	2019/20	Prisoner elbowed officer on the mouth and threw punches
Northern	2019/20	Prisoner assaulted officer with an object flask then kicking officer once on the ground.
Central	2020/21	Prisoner threw punches at Officer which connected to the face.
Central	2020/21	Sexual assault of any form or degree where police charges have been laid
Southern	2020/21	Office was attacked with an improvised weapon.
Northern	2020/21	Prisoner suddenly threw and unprovoked punch connecting with officer's nose.
Northern	2020/21	Assaulted officer by hitting with board on the head
Northern	2020/21	Prisoner kicked his leg out using a backward motion hitting in the stomach area. Officer fell back and hit their head on the wall and fell down to the ground, officer appeared to be unconscious.
Central	2020/21	Prisoner lunged out striking two officers in the face first with his elbow, followed by his fist in an unprovoked attack.
Northern	2020/21	Victim of an unprovoked assault he received e injuries that require ongoing Medical help, which may include surgery
Southern	2020/21	Prisoner hit officer from behind, then continued to hit officer multiple times in the head / upper torso area.
Central	2020/21	Prisoner stood up and punched officer in the side of the head which caused the officer to go to the ground.
Northern	2020/21	Prisoner threw multiple punches to officer

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Northern	2020/21	Assaulted officer by kicking and attempting to use an improvised weapon.
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