

## ASSAULT AND OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON

### SENTENCING GUIDELINES COUNCIL DEFINITIVE GUIDELINE

#### CHANGES

I hope you have received the recently published guideline which is effective for all affected cases sentenced on or after 3 March 2008.

Unfortunately, a correction needs to be made to the guideline for **assault occasioning actual bodily harm** (and the racially aggravated form of the offence) which evaded our checking system.

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In the second category from the bottom of the table *Pre-meditated assault resulting in minor, non-permanent injury*, the starting point is given as 36 weeks custody. This is incorrect. **Please replace “36 weeks custody” with “24 weeks custody” as the starting point.**

This is significant in relation to allocation of cases. The version of this guideline to be included in the Magistrates’ Court Sentencing Guidelines will contain the correct starting point.

The copy of the guideline on our website will be amended but I would be grateful if you would make the necessary amendments to your own copy.

If you discover anything else that you consider may benefit from being added to this note, please contact us by letter, e-mail or phone/fax – all details on our website – [www.sentencing-guidelines.gov.uk](http://www.sentencing-guidelines.gov.uk).

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