

Our Ref: HQ 16247

06 February 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 23 January 2016. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 17 February 2016 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. You asked the following, and for ease of reference I have copied your original request for information (RFI) as follows.

1. RFI – How many remand and convicted offenders imprisoned in HMYOI Polmont on 23 January 2017 came from most deprived and least deprived areas of Scotland.

We sought clarification with yourself by telephone on 25 January 2017 and agreed that the information you required related to the young adult population, both male and female only and that the information should be split between remand and convicted.

It was also explained that under FOIsA we are only required to provide information held and not to carry out further research to provide the information in the format you have requested. We therefore further agreed to provide you with the details on numbers of prisoners in custody with their respective short form post codes to allow you to research the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) yourself.

In response to your **RFI**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm there were a total of 431 young adults in custody at the time of the search. Enclosed is the breakdown by gender and post codes for your information.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to request a review. Your request should be made within 40 working days of the date of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receiving your request. Under section 20(3)(c)(ii) of the Act your request should outline your reason for seeking a review. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain unsatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service, Calton House, Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh EH12 9HW. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely,

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