



HEADQUARTERS  
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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 24 January 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 21 February 2017. For reference, I have copied your request below. You asked:

1. How many attacks on prison officers were recorded in 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the ages of the prison officers, their gender, type of attack (e.g. punched, stabbed etc.) and where the attack was recorded.
2. Please could you also provide the same for each of the following years: 2013, 2014 and 2015?

I have now completed my search for the information you have requested. We do endeavour to provide information wherever possible but on this occasion it is not possible to provide the information that fully answers your questions as our information is not aggregated in the format that you request.

In order to assist with your request, I can provide details of the number of assaults on prison officers since 2010, broken down by establishment and by assault classification e.g. Serious Injury and Minor/Non Injury. Please note that these classifications are different to those used by the prison service in England and Wales. This information is enclosed.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Communications Manager

Scottish Prison Service

## **STAFF ASSAULTS - SERIOUS**

<b>Staff Assaults - SERIOUS</b>	<b>2016/17 April - 31 Dec 2016</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
<b>Aberdeen</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Addiewell</b>	2	0	0	0
<b>Barlinnie</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Cornton Vale</b>	1	1	1	0
<b>Dumfries</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Edinburgh</b>	1	0	2	0
<b>Glenochil</b>	0	0	3	0
<b>Grampian</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Greenock</b>	0	0	1	0
<b>Inverness</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Kilmarnock</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Low Moss</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Open Estate</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Perth</b>	0	1	2	0
<b>Peterhead</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Polmont</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Shotts</b>	1	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

**Serious Assault:** A fight or assault which results in any individual receiving specified injuries: fractures, internal injuries, serious cuts, laceration which require 4 or more stitches, sutures or staples; stab or puncture wounds, severe bruising, severe scalds or burns, sever general shock or any other injury which requires treatment and admission to an external hospital as an inpatient, but excluding admission for observation.

## **STAFF ASSAULTS – MINOR & NO INJURY**

This table below contains information on instances where staff members have been involved in incidents with prisoners, resulting in minor or no injuries.

<b>Staff Assaults – MINOR /NO INJURY</b>	<b>2016/17 April - 31 Dec 2016</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
<b>Aberdeen</b>	0	0	0	7
<b>Addiewell</b>	20	9	5	12
<b>Barlinnie</b>	22	20	27	20
<b>Cornton Vale</b>	6	46	30	13
<b>Dumfries</b>	1	2	1	4
<b>Edinburgh</b>	11	8	15	9
<b>Glenochil</b>	4	12	3	13
<b>Grampian</b>	18	29	16	0
<b>Greenock</b>	2	1	2	2
<b>Inverness</b>	1	2	5	0
<b>Kilmarnock</b>	8	14	8	13
<b>Low Moss</b>	4	11	7	20
<b>Open Estate</b>	0	3	1	0
<b>Perth</b>	8	28	13	13
<b>Peterhead</b>	0	0	0	5
<b>Polmont</b>	15	17	22	23
<b>Shotts</b>	11	10	6	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>161</b>

**Minor Assault:** An injury resulting from a fight or assault by a Prisoner on any other person, where any individual suffers a graze, scald, burn, scratch, abrasion, minor bruise, swelling or superficial cut.

**No Injury:** A physical assault or fight which results in no physical injury.