

Our Ref HQ17005

12 May 2017

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 09 April 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 9 May 2017. Please accept my apologies for the late response. For reference I have copied your request for information below. You asked:

- I would like to request the same information with the data based on a single day updated to what it was as of 1st January 2017. i.e. provide me with a breakdown of how long the top ten longest stays of prisoners in SRUs in each prison as the length of time was on 1st January 2017.

I have now completed my search for the information you request.

Your request relates to an earlier FOI response (Ref HQ16068).

As advised during my telephone conversation with you, the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) does not hold prisoners in solitary confinement.

The SPS have Separation and Re-integration Units (SRU) where individuals who have been removed from association for specified periods of time are accommodated. It should be noted that individuals can be held out of association in normal cells. This is the case in establishments that do not have an SRU. The length of time spent out of association is decided by the Governor of the establishment.

I have attached a spreadsheet which contains the information you request. Please note that not all of the information held is recorded in such a way that would enable me to provide it in the form you have requested.

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,

Scottish Prison Service