



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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Our Ref: HQ 17043

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 19 May 2017. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 15 June 2017 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 – In the last ten financial years for each prison in Scotland, including men’s and women’s prisons, what are the average daily prison populations for each prison?

In response to this **RFI** ; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm that under section 25(1) of FOISA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the Scottish Prison Service public website. The specific area of the website where this information can be found is contained within the link below. Please look under ‘Performance Reports’, the information you require is contained within the ‘Annual Reports and Accounts’ listed on this web page and within the appendices (specifically Appendix 2)

<http://www.sps.gov.uk/>

<http://www.sps.gov.uk/Corporate/Publications/Publications.aspx>

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.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Communications Officer