



HEADQUARTERS
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EH12 9HW

Our Ref HQ 17113

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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 15th September 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For ease of reference I have copied your request for information (RFI) as follows:

Please could you tell me how many days were lost due to stress-related illness by prison officers in Scotland from 31 August 2015 to the present day, broken down for each prison?

In response to your RFI, the table below provides details of the number of working days lost, between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2017, attributable to absences with a recorded sickness code of Stress.

For the purpose of this request we have interpreted the term Prison Officer to relate to Operational Officers at Pay Band C, Residential Officers at Pay Band D and First Line Managers at Pay Band E i.e. those staff involved in regular prisoner facing activities.

This information is broken down by absence year; determined as follows:

2015-16 – Days lost during the absence year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016

2016-17 – Days lost during the absence year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017

| SPS Establishment | Period / Number of Working Days | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2015-16 (September – August) | 2016-17 (September – August) |
| Barlinnie | 678 | 762 |
| Cornton Vale | 396 | 598 |
| Dumfries | 161 | 167 |
| Edinburgh | 1175 | 982 |
| Glenochil | 1175 | 1700 |
| Grampian | 726 | 581 |
| Greenock | 166 | 452 |
| Headquarters | 1 | 0 |
| Inverness | 187 | 119 |
| Low Moss | 507 | 568 |
| Open Estate | 12 | 37 |

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| Perth | 263 | 393 |
| Polmont | 1018 | 878 |
| Shotts | 291 | 479 |
| SPS College | 9 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 6765 | 7716 |

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

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Scottish Prison Service