

**Ref: HQ17143**

20 November 2017

Dear

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request, which we received on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. This gave a statutory deadline for responding of 20 November 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 below.

Request for Information

- 1) How many SPS staff members were assaulted by prisoners in the last five years at HMP Inverness? Can you break these figures down by year and provide the most up to date records.
- 2) If possible, can you please provide any details of the circumstances surrounding each of the assaults? How many staff members were seriously injured / taken to hospital? Were any improvised weapons used? If so, what type of weapon? In each case, what length of sentence was the prisoner serving? What happened to the prisoners in each case?

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

In response to RFI 1, I can confirm that there have been 14 prisoner on staff assaults at HMP Inverness between 18/10/12 and 18/10/17. There have been no serious assaults, 3 minor injury and 11 assaults that resulted in no injury. The table below provides additional information.

Year	Number of Assaults on Staff	Injury Classification
2012-2013	0	N/A
2013-2014	0	N/A
2014-2015	7	Serious- 0 Minor- 0 No Injury- 7
2015-2016	2	Serious- 0 Minor- 2 No Injury- 0
2016-2017	5	Serious- 0 Minor- 1 No Injury- 4

- Of these 14 prisoner on staff assaults, 2 members of staff received further medical treatment from the NHS.
- In 1 of the incidents, a prisoner utilised a hot liquid as a weapon which was thrown over a member of staff.
- Of the 14 prisoner on staff assaults, 7 prisoners were serving a short term sentence, 6 prisoners were on remand and 1 prisoner was serving a long term sentence.
- Of the 14 prisoner on staff assaults, 6 prisoners were placed on Governors Report and appeared in the orderly room, 4 prisoners were reported to the Police and 4 prisoners received no further action.

I hope this fully answers your request, however 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

