

Our ref HQ 17154

23 November 2017

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 27 October 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For reference I have copied your request below:

1. *The number of incidents of self-harm in each Scottish prison every month for the last five years*
2. *The number of assaults in each Scottish prison every month for the last five years*
3. *The number of prisoner on prisoner assaults in each Scottish prison every month for the last five years*
4. *The number of assaults on staff in each Scottish prison every month for the last five years*
5. *The prisoner to staff ratio every month for the last five years for*
 - *Each Scottish prison*
 - *Scotland as a whole*
6. *The number of staff joining each Scottish prison every month for the last five years*
7. *The number of staff leaving each Scottish prison every month for the last five years*

In response to questions 1-4 please see Annex 1 attached.

In response to question 5 I can advised that the SPS does not record any staff to prisoner ratio, however please find attached Annex 2 which shows the staffing compliment in each establishment for the years requested and the average prisoner population per year. This [link](#) takes you to the prison population stats broken down by weeks, however we only started recording these stats in April 2014. Please note that the shaded areas within Annex 2 represent Aberdeen prison and Peterhead prison closing at the time when Grampian opened.

In response to question 6 & 7 please see Annex 3 & 4 attached.

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

Communications Manager

