

Ref: HQ18290

7 March 2019

Dear

Thank you for your FOI request dated 7th February 2019, under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 7 March 2019. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked;

Request for Information

1. The number of reported assaults on staff members both i) Verbal and ii) Physical
2. The number of reported assaults on medical staff both i) Verbal and ii) Physical
3. The number of reported assaults on prison officers both i) Verbal and ii) Physical

Your request related to HMP Perth in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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

In response to your requests, **Annex 1** provide a breakdown of violent incidents perpetrated against staff linked to HMP Perth recorded on the SPS Prison Records System (PR2) for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please note PR2 does not differentiate between staff members, medical staff and prison officers. Prisoner healthcare is the responsibility of the NHS and you may wish to contact the NHS in relation to any assaults on their staff in HMP Perth.

No information is held in relation to relation to verbal assaults against staff as SPS' definition of assault does not include verbal. Any prisoner who verbally abuses or is disrespectful to staff are dealt with through our disciplinary process.

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 faithfully

Annex 1

Number of Incidents of Violence against Staff, HMP Perth only;

2016	
Month	No Of Incidents
Jan-16	0
Feb-16	0
Mar-16	0
Apr-16	1
May-16	1
Jun-16	1
Jul-16	2
Aug-16	0
Sep-16	0
Oct-16	1
Nov-16	1
Dec-16	0

2017	
Month	No Of Incidents
Jan-17	0
Feb-17	1
Mar-17	0
Apr-17	1
May-17	1
Jun-17	1
Jul-17	2
Aug-17	1
Sep-17	0
Oct-17	2
Nov-17	1
Dec-17	1

2018	
Month	No Of Incidents
Jan-18	1
Feb-18	0
Mar-18	3
Apr-18	1
May-18	0
Jun-18	4
Jul-18	0
Aug-18	5
Sep-18	1
Oct-18	2
Nov-18	1
Dec-18	4