

Ref: HQ19047

19/06/2019

Dear,

Thank you for your FOI request dated 06/06/2019 which was received by us on the 06/06/2019 This gave a statutory deadline for responding by 4 July 2019 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked

Request for Information

RFI 1 The number of prison staff assaulted during this period (01/04/2018 to 31/12/2018 and 01/01/2019 to 30/04/2019). Please include;

- The type of injury the member of staff sustained
- If the member of staff required hospital treatment
- If a weapon was used during the assault and what the weapon was
- When the assault occurred

I note that the information you request was for HMP Grampian, HMP Barlinnie and HMP YOI Polmont. Furthermore, the information was to include all staff e.g. prison officers, cleaners, support staff.

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

As requested, please note the following responses to your request for information;

Establishment	Serious	Minor	Non	Hospital Treatment	Time Period
HMP Barlinnie	1	23	15	6	01/04/2018 to 31/12/2018
HMP Barlinnie	0	13	15	3	01/01/2019 to 30/04/2019
HMP Grampian	2	15	17	3	01/04/2018 to 31/12/2018
HMP Grampian	0	3	12	1	01/01/2019

					to 30/04/2019
HMYOI Polmont	1	11	15	3	01/04/2018 to 31/12/2018
HMYOI Polmont	0	3	10	0	01/01/2019 to 30/04/2019

Incidents of violence are categorised under serious, minor and non injury which are detailed in the table above.

We do endeavour to provide information, however, on this occasion it has not been possible to provide all the information you request. Information regarding staff requiring hospital treatment is not held by the authority. This is because responsibility for healthcare of both prisoners and staff lies with the National Health Service.

Similarly, the way in which information on assaults is recorded does not allow us to provide the information you request in terms of weapons. Weapon recoveries and incidents involving weapons are not linked to the specific incidents. Therefore we are unable to give any breakdown of staff assaults that involved or did not involve weapons.

I am sorry that we have not been able to fully answer your request on this instance. 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