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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 March 2014 received by us on 18 March 2014. This gave a statutory deadline for responding of 15 April 2014 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

You have asked for – **“details of the number of investigations launched by the prison service into prisoners’ use of social networking sites during the calendar year 2013, broken down per establishment. You further requested the number of social network sites shut down by the prison service during the calendar year 2013, broken down by establishment and social networking site.”**

The table below identifies the number of Facebook Accounts investigated and closed down as a result of these investigations during the calendar year 2013, broken down per establishment. The SPS does not have the authority to close Social Networking Sites only a prisoners’ personal account.

Establishment	Number of Potential Prisoner Facebook accounts	No of Prisoner Facebook accounts removed
Aberdeen	15	14
Addiewell	5	4
Barlinnie	11	3
Dumfries	8	6
Edinburgh	9	6
Glenochil	3	1
Greenock	4	2
Inverness	1	0
Kilmarnock	3	3
Low Moss	6	4
Open Estate	4	2
Perth	11	6
Peterhead	3	2
Polmont	8	6
Shotts	27	21
Totals	118	80